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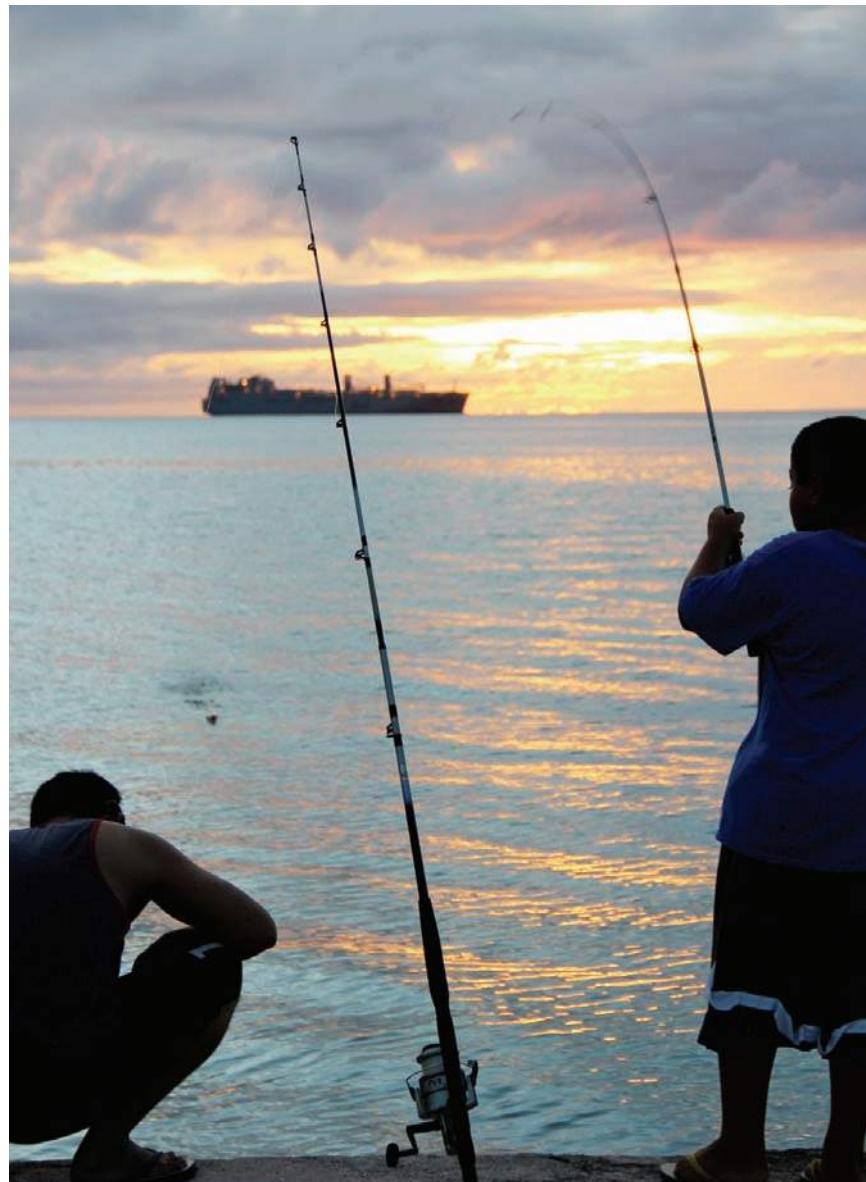


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REPORTER

## Fitial's response may make it harder to get 14 'yes' votes

Even before an eight-member Special Committee on Impeachment could convene, Gov. Benigno R. Fitial said he will respond today in writing to each of the 16 allegations listed in a resolution initiating impeachment proceedings against him as part of the administration's efforts to dissuade House members from voting "yes" to impeach the governor.

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### FISHING AT SUNSET

A man and a boy use a rod and reel to fish at Garapan Fishing Base as the sun was about to set on Saturday. A 2009-2010 study titled, "Commercial Coral Reef Fisheries across Micronesia: A Need for Improving Management," says that the CNMI consistently had the smallest reported capture sizes and/or reduced catch rates for larger, slow-growing species. The Pacific Marine Resources Institute's findings altogether validate the diminishing fishery resources in the CNMI, which would significantly impact not just the reef's health but also the islands' and personal livelihoods.

### Where they stand now on Fitial impeachment resolution

#### YES

1. House minority leader **Joe Deleon Guerrero** (R-Saipan)
2. Rep. **Frank Dela Cruz** (R-Saipan)
3. Rep. **Ray Tebuteb** (R-Saipan)
4. Rep. **Ray Yumul** (R-Saipan)
5. Rep. **Tony Sablan** (R-Saipan)
6. Rep. **Janet Maratita** (Ind-Saipan)
7. Rep. **Trenton Conner** (R-Tinian)
8. Rep. **Ralph Demapan** (Cov-Saipan)

#### NO

1. Rep. **Stanley Torres** (Ind-Saipan)
2. Rep. **Joe Palacios** (R-Saipan)

#### Abstain

1. House floor leader **George Camacho** (Ind-Saipan)

#### Still undecided/Not yet going 'on record' on vote

1. House Speaker **Eli Cabrera** (R-Saipan)
2. Vice speaker **Felicidad Ogumoro** (Cov-Saipan)
3. Rep. **Edmund Villagomez** (Cov-Saipan)
4. Rep. **Ray Palacios** (Cov-Saipan)
5. Rep. **Sylvester Iguel** (Cov-Saipan)
6. Rep. **Ray Basa** (Cov-Saipan)
7. Rep. **Fred Deleon Guerrero** (Ind-Saipan)
8. Rep. **Teresita Santos** (Ind-Rota)

#### Off-island for months

1. Rep. **Froilan Tenorio** (Cov-Saipan)

\*At least 14 "yes" votes in the House needed to impeach.

\*At least six "yes" votes in the Senate to convict.

## North Field close starting today for US-Japan military exercise

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Tinian's historic North Field will be closed to the public beginning today because of military exercise that would include having U.S. Marines training alongside Japanese forces in the next few days, some 67 years after troops from these two nations fought against each other on the same island during World War II.

Maj. Jonathan Bossie, officer in

charge of training and advisor with Special Operations Training Group with the III Marine Expeditionary Force, said last night that the Military Exclusive Use Area—mostly North Field—will be closed from today to Sept. 15.

North Field's Runway Baker will remain closed from Sept. 15 to Sept. 18.

The whole of North Field will be closed again for live fire exercises between Sept. 18 and Sept. 22.

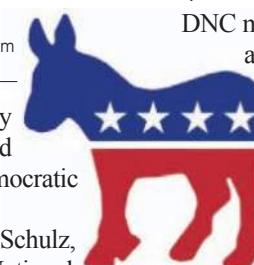
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## NMI Democratic Party now part of DNC

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The NMI Democratic Party is now officially affiliated with the U.S. national Democratic Party.

Debbie Wasserman Schulz, chair of the Democratic National Committee and a congresswoman from Florida, made the announcement during a



DNC meeting this weekend, within days after President Barack Obama accepted the party nomination for re-election this November.

Schulz also said in her Twitter post, "After #DNC2012, we've unanimously approved recognizing the Northern Mariana Islands as part of the DNC." Delegate Gregorio Kilili Sa-

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# Local

## 'TRO huge step in turning Fund around'

By MONETH G. DEPOSA  
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A staunch supporter and dubbed the son of Commonwealth retirees described the temporary restraining order imposed on Gov. Benigno R. Fitial's emergency declaration along with the stay being lifted in federal court case as a "huge" step in turning the NMI Retirement Fund around.

Glen Hunter posted this comment on the retirees' blog Friday when the U.S. District Court for the NMI judge Frances Tydingco-Gatewood issued a TRO that

prohibits Fitial from enforcing an executive order declaring a state of emergency for the financially troubled agency.

"The TRO that has been imposed on Fitial's emergency order along with the stay being lifted in the federal court case are huge steps in perhaps turning the NMIRF around," Hunter said in his message to the retirees.

Hunter said he had high hopes for the Fund moving forward with federal oversight, but still worry about the shenanigans occurring with some recent legislation and the potential harm

that may be inflicted by a mass withdrawal of NMIRF funds.

"With proper federal oversight moves such as these can be appropriately weighed. At the moment they are being volleyed around lightly and the true potential fiscal impacts are not truly known," said Hunter, referring to a pending bill that authorizes active members to withdraw contributions without resigning from government position.

Hunter said he was grateful to the U.S. District Court for the NMI judge Tydingco-Gatewood for her quick decision-making

and what he described as a "true concern for the well-being of the Fund members." He is hopeful that with support from Judge Kenneth Govendo for federal intervention, retirees can finally see the first light of progress in rehabilitating the Fund.

Hunter is also grateful to attorneys of Roe/Doe namely Bruce Jorgensen, Steve Woodruff, Margery Bronster, and Robert Hatch for a job well done for the retirees.

"They have been on the side of the Defined Benefit Plan members for the past years. They have been fighting in federal court to

protect the Fund assets and effectuate collection efforts of the default judgment against the CNMI government. They have been doing and admirable job along the way despite the many obstacles that they have encountered from both the central government and the NMIRF," he said.

Hunter said the aforementioned lawyers are the only ones that stepped up to the plate and did the legal work needed to file a TRO to stop the disastrous emergency declaration issued by the governor. He added that while millions upon millions of Fund dollars and taxpayer mon-

ey have gone to government attorneys and Fund counsel over the years, these Roe/Doe attorneys "have not been fattened by chewing at the carcass that the NMIRF is becoming."

"While this is just another of the many battles that they have been fighting over the years, it was one of the more monumental ones. Should they have lost this battle the NMIRF in effect would have been eviscerated and full power and control over the NMIRF assets would have fallen into Mr. Fitial's hands. That in my opinion is one of the worst scenarios imaginable," he added.

### Acting Fund administrator Ada resigns

#### » Fund has no board quorum, no administrator

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REPORTER

NMI Retirement Fund has no board quorum and no administrator. And now the financially troubled pension agency will also be losing its deputy administrator who has been serving as acting administrator.

Fund deputy administrator and acting administrator Esther Ada resigned effective this Friday, Sept. 14.

Ada in an interview on Friday disclosed that she recently submitted her resignation letter to acting governor Eloy S. Inos.

"I resigned so that I could take an opportunity. I've been offered a job in the private sector," Ada said.

Ada has been serving as acting Fund administrator since Aug. 1, 2012 when Richard Villagomez's contract as Fund administrator expired on July 31, 2012.

Ada said serving as Fund acting administrator is very tough and very challenging especially that the Fund board of trustees has no quorum.

"Policy decisions that required board action need to be put on hold. But we're managing," she said.

Fund counsel Carolyn Kern disclosed Ada's resignation during a hearing on Friday in federal court on emergency motions filed by two unnamed retirees. Ada and Villagomez watched the court proceedings.

At the hearing, Kern suggested that when the court appoints ad litem trustees that they should have the power to appoint an administrator.

U.S. District Court for the NMI designated judge Frances Tydingco-Gatewood on Friday issued a temporary restraining order that prohibits Gov. Benigno R. Fitial from enforcing an executive order declaring a state of emergency for the Fund.

Tydingco-Gatewood also See ACTING on Next Page

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# DPL files proposed regulations to amend '93 regulations on Managaha access

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The Department of Public Lands has filed a proposed regulations to amend its 1993 regulations regarding the commercial use of Managaha Islands.

DPL acting Secretary Ramon S. Salas filed the proposed regulations due to a pending lawsuit filed by five marine sports operators against DPL.

Salas filed the public notice of proposed regulations before the Commonwealth Register on Aug. 29, 2012. Acting attorney general Viola Alepuyo reviewed and approved the proposed regulations.

The proposed regulations would become effective 10 days after adoption and publication in the Commonwealth Register. DPL said comments from the public about the proposed regulations are due within 30 days.

Salas stated in the public notice that the amended regulations expressly provide that the pick up of persons for commercial activities from Managaha, regardless of how such persons were initially transported to the island, is limited to a designated concessionaire.

Salas said the proposed regulations state that the purpose for amending Part 100 (Commercial use of the island) is to respond to a lawsuit that questions the applicability of the regulations to marine sports operators.

He said the proposed regulations are eliminating the definitions for commercial activity, commercial concession, and designated concession area, and redefining "corporation" and "designated concessionaire."

The proposed regulations are substituting new language to state the prohibition on commercial use associated with Managaha for anyone other than the designated concessionaire and its designee(s).

Under the proposed regulations, "no person other than the designated concessionaire shall engage in any commercial activity on Managaha or departing from Managaha with the exception of providing mere transportation from Saipan to Managaha or from Managaha to Saipan."

"This is regardless of how or by whom the persons engaging in the activity were first transported to Managaha Island," according to the proposed regulations.

DPL is supporting Tasi Tours & Transportation Inc.'s motion that asks the Superior Court to reconsider its ruling that allowed five marine sports operators to post \$60,172.95 in unsecured bond on top of the \$1,861.05 cash that they had already posted as bond requirement in connection with their lawsuit against DPL.

Assistant attorney general Michael Wilt, counsel for DPL, asserted that the court's order is internally inconsistent and leaves Tasi Tours, a concessionaire of DPL, effectively unsecured.

"Clarification is necessary to the DPL because the DPL is charged with the responsibility of enforcing the rights of Tasi Tours made pursuant to their concession agreement with the DPL," Wilt said.

Tasi Tours, through counsel

Rexford C. Kosack, earlier requested clarification of court's Aug. 22, 2012 order regarding bond for preliminary injunction.

On the request for clarification, Kosack said what they understand with the injunction order is that it permits the five marine sports operators (and other duly permitted marine sports operators) to drop off and pick up "their customers" at Managaha Island.

"What is unclear, however, is whether they may pick up customers who were brought to Managaha by another tour company and then take them on Managaha to Managaha tours or Managaha to Saipan tours," he said.

In response to Tasi Tours' motions for reconsideration and clarification, the five marine sports operators, through counsel Mark A. Scoggins, stated that the filing of the motions is part of Tasi Tours' strategy to litigate them to death.

Last Aug. 23, the five marine sports operators resumed their business operations after com-

plying with Camacho's bond requirement order.

The operators—Island Marine Sports Inc., Aquatic Marine Co. Inc., Automarine Inc., Seahorse Inc., and BSEA Inc.—signed an acknowledgment of their responsibility for the unsecured amount.

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ordered the counsels for the two unnamed retirees and the CNMI government to submit at least two to three names as temporary ad litem trustees for the Fund.

The judge agreed with the two unnamed retirees that there is a need to appoint ad litem trustees in order for the Fund board to have a quorum, enable to reply to the lawsuit, and deal with the day-to-day operations of the Fund.

"rule" promulgated on Dec. 13, 2011 and June 14, 2012 pertaining to Managaha access.

The subject "rule" prohibits marine sports operators from picking up customers on Managaha Island for their tours unless they are Tasi Tours or its subcontractors.

## BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUT

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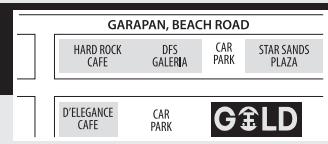
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## OIA gives \$1M in 'Empowering Insular Communities' grants to Guam

**WASHINGTON, DC**—Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Insular Areas Tony Babauta recently announced \$1,085,000 in grants to Guam agencies for sustainable energy projects under the Office of Insular Affairs's "Empowering Insular Communities" (EIC) grant program.

"Sustainable renewable energy development has been a priority for the Obama Administration and it is exciting that our partnership with Guam is making concrete steps to use indigenous sources for energy, as well as changing the dynamic of how the community thinks about energy usage," said Babauta. "Members of the Guam Renewable Energy Committee, co-chaired by the University of Guam President Robert Underwood and Guam Energy Office Director Lorilee Crisostomo have met and worked closely with the Department of the Interior (DOI) and the National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL) over the past three years developing a road map for smart and sustainable energy usage, all the while keeping in mind what is achievable and practical" he added.

The grants are for four separate

projects:

■ \$180,000 to the Guam Department of Public Works (DPW) for a Vertical Sustainable Energy Project that will replace windows and doors with energy star-rated hardware at DPW buildings.

■ \$150,000 to the Guam Energy Office for Better Buildings with Energy Code project. This project will be used by the Guam Energy Office to partner with a trades institution to develop energy code curriculum to train the building industry professionals about the new Guam Tropical Energy Code.

■ \$250,000 to the General Services Agency for energy efficiency projects including rooftop solar panels, energy-efficient air-conditioners, windows, doors, lights, and the transformation of their roof to a "cool rooftop."

■ \$505,000 to the Guam Power Authority to install a 275kilowatt wind turbine in the Cotal area of Guam.

Energy security is critical to the insular areas' future economic development and sustainability. In 2010, OIA entered into an agreement with the U.S. Department of Energy's National Renewable Energy Laboratory to help develop long-term Strategic Energy Plans in American Samoa, Commonwealth

of the Northern Mariana Islands, and Guam. In 2011, NREL provided the results of its initial energy efficiency and renewable energy assessments and a strategic plan for implementation and deployment. These four projects were identified in the Guam Strategic Energy Plan.

Last year, the University of Guam was awarded \$900,000 in EIC grant funding to install rooftop solar arrays to reduce the University's reliance on fossil fuels by 2-5%. This will represent a significant cost-savings for the University and the government of Guam.

NREL's assistance has also helped the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) to identify if geothermal energy is a potential source of renewable energy. The \$500,000 in EIC funding that was granted to the CNMI in 2011 is being used to perform a geophysical survey in parallel with the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation's drilling of geothermal gradient holes. The geophysical survey will be useful in guiding geothermal gradient drilling and will shorten the time-table to exploration and development if results are favorable by facilitating the identification of exploration targets.

first to be filed in the history of the CNMI.

In the history of the United States, there have only been eight governors impeached and removed from office, starting in 1871.

The last one was Rod Blagojevich who was impeached by the Illinois House on Jan. 9, 2009 and convicted and removed by the Senate on Jan. 29, 2009. Blagojevich was arrested Dec. 9, 2008 on federal corruption charges, including allegations that he tried to sell the appointment to fill President Barack Obama's vacant U.S. Senate seat to the highest bidder.

Fitial, in an interview with *Saipan Tribune* on Friday, said he "didn't do anything wrong" and this is why he would respond to the allegations lodged against him while he was off island.

The governor described the allegations as "frivolous," while press secretary Angel Demapan earlier said they "do not rise to the levels of impeachment."

Fitial also said he believes the impeachment resolution was meant to cover up the lack of positive changes contributed by some lawmakers including on lowering utility rates and improving services at the hospital during their term.

#### Fitial's responses

Fitial's letter to the Legislature, which he said will be sent today, will respond to each of the allegations in the resolution.

Articles 1 to 3 of the impeachment resolution, on the commission of felony, were in connection with the temporary release of a federal inmate in January 2010 to give a massage to the governor.

Article 4 alleged that Fitial planned or conspired with others to commit felony in connection with the use of armed police and ports police officers to allow former attorney general Edward T. Buckingham to avoid being served a penal summons in connection with criminal charges filed against him.

Articles 5 and 7, on corruption, are also in connection with the unauthor-

ized release of the inmate to provide the governor massage.

Article 6, on corruption, is in connection with the use of government resources such as police and ports police officers and government vehicles to escort Buckingham.

Article 8, on corruption, is in connection with the sole-source award of a \$392,406 contract to former Commerce secretary Michael Ada's Integrated Professional Solutions LLC, within days of resigning from his government post to manage the ARRA program.

Article 9, also on corruption, is in connection with Fitial's no-bid \$190.8-million power purchase agreement with Saipan Development LLC, a company formed barely five days before an initial deal to have exclusive right to build and operate a diesel power plant for 25 years.

Article 10, for neglect of duty, alleges that Fitial failed to remove Buckingham "after it became clear that the former attorney general had either solicited, conspired to commit, committed or countenanced the violation of the federal Hatch Act... pertaining to the use of public funds, employees, time or equipment during political campaigns" in 2010.

Article 11, also on neglect of duty, was in connection with attempts to shield Buckingham from being served a penal summons on Aug. 3 and 4.

Articles 12, 13, and 14 are in connection with Fitial's neglect of duty for continued failure to nominate individuals to the Civil Service Commission, the Public Utilities Commission, and the CNMI Supreme Court, respectively.

Article 15, also for neglect of duty, is in connection with Fitial's failure to remit the full appropriated amount to the NMI Retirement Fund now on the brink of collapse.

Article 16, also for neglect, involved the sole-source ARRA management contract award. It said Fitial neglected to ensure that applicable CNMI laws and regulations were followed.

The American Samoa Power Authority plans to use Empowering Insular Communities funding for various energy efficiency and conservation projects, such as a recycling rebate program and prepaid meters, to reduce the territory's high energy costs and extend the useful life of the landfills in American Samoa.

Another Obama Administration initiative helped the American Samoa Power Authority complete the largest solar installation in the South Pacific. Using American Recovery and Reconstruction Act (ARRA) funding, a 1.75 megawatt solar power farm consisting of 7,308 solar panels were installed on a 4 acre site near the island's runway. (PR)

## New Fiji constitution will separate church, state

**SUVA, Fiji** (Fiji Times/PIR)—Fiji's new constitution will ensure a separation of church and State as outlined in the guiding principles set by Prime Minister Commodore Voreqe Bainimarama.

This was a statement by Constitution Commission chairman Professor Yash Ghai to The Fiji Times earlier this week at Namarai in Ra.

"This doesn't mean that the State is anti-religion, but just a feeling that the function and responsibility of religion of beliefs within societies should be separated from the functions and policies of the institution of the State," he explained.

"We will have to look at the views we have received on this, some have been in support of separation but most

have been made by Christians who want a Christian State.

"I didn't get the impression that people who asked for a Christian State fully understood what is generally meant by a secular State or separation of religion and State," Ghai said.

"And I think many of the objectives they have in mind can be met in a system that separates State and religion. Indeed until now there has been no Christian State and yet Christians in this country have done well and they have large membership and are very influential in their communities and in public life," he said.

Professor Ghai said there was a need for his team to start explaining to the people what is meant by separation of State and religion.

mental in making the local party officially affiliated with the U.S. national Democratic Party.

The NMI Democratic Party fielded only one candidate for the Nov. 6 midterm elections—Jesse David Torres, vying for a House seat representing precinct 5.

The Republican Party of the CNMI Association, however, has long been officially affiliated with the U.S. national Republican Party.

about the extent, if any, of community or volunteer projects that these Marines will do this time around," he said.

Two-thirds of Tinian lands are leased by the U.S. Department of Defense, and the Tinian mayor has been requesting the military to use their leased lands to help boost the island's economy.

Tinian, one of the main islands of the CNMI, played a major role during the war. It had the busiest air strip during the war, and was the launching pad for the two atomic bombs that the U.S. dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki in Japan, putting a decisive end to World War II.

Don Farrell, CNMI historian and the Tinian mayor's chief of staff, separately said yesterday that they expect the "hostage rescue operation," which is among the highlights of the ongoing military exercises on Tinian, to commence between now and the next few days.

Farrell said some 15 amphibious tractors carrying some 150 U.S. Marines "and possibly Japanese Self-Defense Force" troops are expected to arrive on Tinian between today and Wednesday. He said the Japanese troops may arrive separate from the U.S. troops.

Farrell also led a "cultural indoctrination" yesterday at Tachogna Beach for the Marines that already arrived on Tinian last Thursday night.

Tinian is hosting only small fraction of the estimated 2,200 U.S. Marines and sailors that are taking part in a military exercise in Guam and the CNMI this month.

## FITIAL

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"It would make it harder to get 14 votes to impeach, if the governor rebuts all the allegations," Rep. Stanley Torres (Ind-Saipan), one of the members of the Impeachment Committee, told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday.

Torres said Fitial's rebuttal letter would make an impact on the ongoing process.

But House minority leader Joe Deleon Guerrero (R-Saipan), lead author of the impeachment resolution and chairman of the Special Committee on Impeachment, said the impeachment process has started and the governor can prove his innocence once the matter gets to the Senate.

Rep. Trenton Conner (R-Tinian), one of the co-authors of the impeachment resolution, said yesterday it would be premature to say whether the governor's letter could sway lawmakers' vote but he said each lawmaker has the duty and responsibility to uphold CNMI laws and its Constitution.

Rep. Joe Palacios (R-Saipan) said he's hopeful that the governor's letter would rebut the allegations.

But as to whether it would make it harder to get "yes" votes to impeach the governor, Palacios said it should be a question of whether impeaching the governor would be "good or beneficial" to the CNMI people.

Other lawmakers interviewed said they would reserve comments until they see the governor's letter today.

At least 14 "yes" votes are needed in the 20-member House to impeach the governor, and at least six "yes" votes in the nine-member Senate to convict him.

So far, only eight House members have gone on the record to say they will vote "yes" to the resolution, seven of them co-authors.

The minority bloc's House Resolution 17-111 listed 16 articles of impeachment for felony, corruption and neglect of duty.

This impeachment resolution is the

## DNC

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blan's (Ind-MP) campaign welcomed the NMI Democratic Party's inclusion in DNC. Sablan has been running as an independent, but has aligned himself with the Democrats in U.S. Congress.

Sablan's campaign also said NMI Democratic Party chair and former judge Ed Manibusan has been instru-

## EXERCISE

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Tinian Mayor Ramon Dela Cruz said the public's patience and understanding will be greatly appreciated.

North Field is one of Tinian's famous tourist attractions.

Bossie also said last night that details about the arrival on Tinian of the rest of the participants to the exercise, as well as other information about the training, may be known today.

Some 65 U.S. Marines based in Okinawa arrived on Tinian Thursday night to prepare the training sites, to be followed early this week by an additional 150 Marines, along with Japanese Self-Defense Force troops.

The joint exercises, dubbed Mariana Islands Complex Certification Exercise or Certex, would mark the first time Japanese Ground Self-Defense Force and the U.S. 3rd Marine Expeditionary Force will be training alongside each other. The Tinian mayor earlier described it as another "history in the making."

Japanese media have also expressed interest in covering the bilateral training exercises on Tinian.

Rep. Trenton Conner (R-Tinian) said yesterday he's hoping that this ongoing military training will really help boost the island's economy.

"I've seen some going to stores and buying some stuff. I'm just really hoping there will be a multiplier effect on the economy. Right now I haven't heard

# Resolution asking Fitial to appoint special rep for 902 talks OK'd

The House Committee on Federal and Foreign Relations has recommended adopting a House joint resolution asking Gov. Benigno R. Fitial to appoint a special representative for the so-called "902 talks" to discuss with the U.S. matters affecting the CNMI such as minimum wage increase, extension of the transitional Commonwealth-only worker program, control over submerged lands and federal funding.

Section 902 of the CNMI's

## Kagman Community Center president learns DPS recovered his stolen Montero

Daniel Huh, the president of Kagman Community Center president whose house was recently burglarized when he and his wife accompanied their child to an educational tour at the White House, said yesterday that his stolen red 1997 Montero SUV was already at the Department of Public Safety.

Huh said a friend told him two days ago that police recovered his Montero SUV last week.

Huh said yesterday afternoon he saw the vehicle in the parking lot of DPS. He said he will proceed to DPS today, Monday, to get back his vehicle and inquire more information about the investigation.

The KCC president said he has no information how and where the police recovered his vehicle.

Huh said while he and his family were in Washington, D.C., a friend called on Aug. 20 or 21 that their house in Kagman was burglarized.

Huh's friend replaced the lock at the main door which was the burglar or burglars' point of entry. The following day, the lock was destroyed and the house was burglarized again.

Huh's friend changed the lock for the second time. But burglar or burglars destroyed it once more the following day and ransacked the house anew.

Huh and his family came back to Saipan on Aug. 31 and learned that of the stolen items, including their Montero.

Asked why the police did not call him about the recovery of his Montero, Huh said he believes that the police informed his friend about it.

Huh said he found some of the stolen items at a store, but some were already sold.

The stolen items still missing include a 51-inch Samsung flat TV, a 42-inch LG flat TV, a 40-inch Anam TV, portable 4-speaker amplifier, Samsung color laser printer, a Compact beam projector, three electric fans, mini amplifier, an eight-inch camcorder, a red circular saw, two electric guitars, two in one toaster and oven, and a Panasonic hair cutting machine. (Ferdie de la Torre)

Covenant with the U.S. allows for periodic consultations between the Commonwealth and federal governments "on all matters affecting the relationship between them."

The committee, chaired by Rep. Fred Deleon Guerrero (Ind-Saipan), recommended that the House adopt vice speaker Felicidad Oggumoro's (Cov-Saipan) House Joint Resolution

17-24 in its current form.

In its report, the committee said the 902 talks is the proper channel to engage discussion with the federal government on many issues affecting the CNMI, but the CNMI and the U.S. have yet to appoint special representatives to meet and discuss these matters.

The committee recommends that the governor appoint a special representative that is of

"Northern Marianas descent."

In its four-page report, the committee said the adoption of HJR 17-24 may result in additional expenditure by the CNMI government, specifically for communications, documentation and other 902-related expenses.

"The benefits of ironing out the Commonwealth's differences and concerns with the United States on recent actions,

as well as keeping an open line of communication between the two governments for discussion on future issues, far outweigh any additional costs that may arise," says the committee report, which may be acted on in the next House session.

Of the seven committee members, only five signed off on the committee report – Deleon Guerrero, Oggumoro, floor

leader George Camacho (Ind-Saipan), Rep. Sylvester Iguel (Cov-Saipan) and Rep. Joe Palacios (R-Saipan). Reps. Teresita Santos (Ind-Rota), and Trenton Conner (R-Tinian) did not sign the committee report.

Oggumoro introduced the joint resolution on Feb. 2, 2011. It was then referred to the Federal and Foreign Relations Committee. (Haidee V. Eugenio)

## Election commission promises quick results this time

From the usual long hours of waiting for the election result, the public may now expect a quicker outcome during this mid-terms polls after Commonwealth Election Commission acknowledged their acquisition of a bigger and faster tabulation machine.

Election commission executive director Robert A. Guerrero told *Saipan Tribune* Friday that the agency will be using a bigger, quicker machine that will bring to three the total machines to be used in tabulating ballots on Nov. 6.

The machine will be shipped out from Alabama, along with

technical support staffers, at least one week before the election. The same kind of machine, Guerrero said, was utilized in Guam during the last election.

Guerrero anticipated that given the capacity and efficiency of the three machines, tabulation is expected to be quicker than expected.

"With the additional bigger machine, we're targeting to finish the counting and tabulation process within four to five hours so we can have the result thereafter. They will speed up the whole process," he told *Saipan Tribune*.

For several years, it took the

election commission from eight to nine hours to complete the tabulation process, usually starting at 8pm through 4am. This mid-term elections, he said the election commission board intends to start the tabulation early so that results are expected to be known by 1am. The CNMI as of Aug. 31 has over 16,400 registered voters.

"The voting population deserve a quicker result and we're going to make it happen this year," he told *Saipan Tribune*.

Guerrero said the vendor for the machine is based in Alabama, where the CNMI will

also print its ballot forms.

According to the executive director, in order for the three tabulation machines to read the ballots, the ballot has to be printed out in the vendor's main printing plant which is based in Alabama.

The ballots are scheduled to arrive on islands by the middle of this month so the election commission can start sending the ballots to absentee voters.

The agency is producing 17,500 ballots for this mid-term elections.

The CNMI mid-term elections is set on Nov. 6 this year of which the following positions are up for grabs: 20 seats at the House of Representatives; three

seats at the Senate; three seats for Board of Education; all positions at the municipal councils; retention of judges; and one position for U.S. delegate to national congress.

There are also three legislative initiatives for the voters to ratify. These include House Legislative Initiative 17-2 which will make the attorney general an elected position; Senate Legislative Initiative 17-12 which

seeks to amend Northern Marianas College's Board of Regents to revise NMC's mission statement; and House Legislative Initiative 17-5 which will allow the government to float a bond. (Moneth G. Deposa)

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# Taniguchi ordered to explain why he shouldn't continue to be held in contempt

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The U.S. District Court for the NMI has ordered former Japanese professional baseball player Kouichi Taniguchi to appear in court on Oct. 30, 2012 at 8:30am either personally or through counsel and explain why he should not continue to be held in civil contempt of court.

The District Court issued an order on March 20, 2009 finding Taniguchi in contempt of court after he and his counsel failed to appear at a show-cause hearing. The court then ordered Taniguchi to pay \$100 to the clerk of court every day until he appears in court of complies with the court's order to pay costs.

Senior Judge Alex R. Munson in an order issued on Friday said the clerk of court has no record of any payments having been made and that Taniguchi did not subsequently appear in court.

Taniguchi sued Kan Pacific Saipan Ltd., owner of Marianas Resort and Spa, in 2008 for alleged negligence over the injuries he suffered when the hotel's wooden deck where he was standing on collapsed. The plaintiff used to play in Japan for the Yomiuri (Tokyo) Giants



SAIPAN TRIBUNE  
Scores of children descended upon Francisco M. Palacios Ballfield to catch a glimpse of former professional player Kouichi Taniguchi as he trotted out of the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium wearing his New York Mets uniform to share his experience with the next generation of hardballers in this file photo.

and in the U.S. for the New York Mets.

During the litigation, Kan Pacific retained a document translator, Colin P.A. Jones, to translate written documents from Japanese to English.

Then U.S. District Court for the NMI chief judge Munson granted Kan Pacific's cross-motion for summary judgment on Dec. 22, 2008. The judge ordered that Taniguchi shall take nothing from his lawsuit.

Kan Pacific then submitted a

bill of costs, which requested the taxation of \$5,517.20 for "compensation of interpreters." This amount included \$260 that Kan Pacific had spent to compensate an interpreter, Kayoko Irihara, during his deposition. The remaining \$5,257.20 was payment made by Kan Pacific to translator Jones for his document translation services.

Munson taxed the entire amount, \$5,517.20 as "compensation of interpreters."

Taniguchi appealed.

The U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit in March 2011 affirmed Munson's decision. The Ninth Circuit ruled that Taniguchi did not provide enough evidence to dispute Kan Pacific's lack of negligence.

On translation costs issue, the Ninth Circuit ruled that the District Court acted within its discretion when it awarded costs to Kan Pacific for expenses incurred to translate relevant documents.

Taniguchi, through counsels Douglas F. Cushnie and Donald B. Ayer, filed a petition before the U.S. Supreme Court to reverse the Ninth Circuit's decision that favored Kan Pacific.

For the first time in CNMI history, a case on Saipan got a full hearing at the U.S. Supreme

Court. The issue presented was compensation of interpreters.

Taniguchi raised the question whether costs incurred in translating written documents are "compensation of interpreters."

In May 2012, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that interpretation and translation are not the same thing when it comes to paying fees associated with federal civil lawsuits.

The high court ruled that Kan Pacific did not deserve to get \$5,517.20 in compensation for interpreters for fighting off the lawsuit.

Subsequently, the Ninth Circuit reversed the grant of costs and remanded the case for proceedings consistent with the Supreme Court's opinion.

In his order issued on Friday, Munson said in its opinion, the Supreme Court held that "compensation of interpreters" pursuant

to the law "is limited to the cost of oral translation and does not include the cost of document translation."

Munson said the high court did not define oral translation and left it to the trial courts to "draw the line between taxable and nontaxable costs" in cases that present "hybrid" translation tasks that are "not entirely oral or entirely written."

However, Munson said, the high court's discussion strongly suggests that only costs associated with oral translation of witness testimony in trial or deposition are taxable.

As the high court noted, the judge said, none of the translation services in this case presents a "hybrid situation."

Therefore, Munson said, the award of \$5,517.20 for translation services is rescinded.

Munson said the award of

\$2,215 for court reporter fees is unaffected by the Supreme Court's opinion and is reimposed.

Munson said other matter that requires attention was that, on Jan. 15, 2009, the District Court denied Taniguchi's request to stay payment of taxed costs pending appeal.

The judge said the court indicated that Taniguchi may either pay costs directly to defense counsel or deposit the amount with the court's registry to be held pending resolution of the appeal.

When Taniguchi failed to pay, Kan Pacific applied for an order in aid of judgment.

Taniguchi and his counsel failed to appear at the March 20, 2009 show-cause hearing in District Court, prompting the judge to hold the plaintiff in civil contempt.

## OIA investing in water delivery for southern Guam

**WASHINGTON, D.C.**—The Department of the Interior's Assistant Secretary for Insular Areas Tony Babauta has awarded \$790,000 in Water and Wastewater grant funding to support water and wastewater infrastructure improvements serving the villages of Malojloj, Inarajan, Merizo, Umatac, and Agat.

"OIA works closely with all island governments to prioritize infrastructure improvements; with limited resources

we do our best to address the highest needs, often guided by the courts, critical to ensure the health and safety of our island communities," said Babauta. "The grant to Guam Waterworks Authority enables the agency to respond to a 2003 stipulated court order to improve delivery of clean water and treatment of wastewater to the residents and businesses in the south."

According to the Guam Waterworks Authority, the fund-

ing will be used to replace existing pumps with new energy efficient pumps and motors at the Malojloj Line Water Booster Pump Station (WBPS), a critical facility to GWA's Southern Water System. With no previous upgrades or renovations since being built in the 1980's, Malojloj's WBPS is the first in a series of several stations that serves the villages of Southern Guam with potable water. (PR)



### COMMONWEALTH UTILITIES CORPORATION SCHEDULE OF WASTEWATER CHARGES AND RATES

Pursuant to the Water Electric Charge & Wastewater Electric Charge tariff authorized by the Commonwealth Public Utilities Commission ("Commission") in its January 27, 2012 Order, the new Wastewater Electric Charge will be **\$1.90** per 1,000 gallons, an increase from \$1.77, effective **September 10, 2012**. The Commission enacted the Wastewater Electric Charge to "reimburse CUC for all power costs associated with the production, treatment and transportation of water and wastewater service."

		CHARGES & RATES
<b>WASTEWATER ELECTRIC CHARGE</b>		
All Customer Classes -- Per 1,000 Gallons		<b>(Eff 09/10/12)</b>
NOTE: Subject to revision based on changes to Electric rates		\$ 1.90
<b>METERED/UNMETERED CUSTOMERS</b>		
<b>Residential</b>		<b>(Eff 02/27/12)</b>
<b>Multi-Family</b>		
Monthly Service Fee		\$ 9.69
Vol Rate/1,000 Gal	- 6,000	1.00
	6,001 Above	3.13
<b>Commercial</b>		
Monthly Service Fee		\$ 9.24
Vol Rate/1,000 Gal	- 6,000	3.00
	6,001 Above	3.13
<b>CUC</b>		
<b>Government</b>		
<b>Public School System</b>		
Vol Rate/1,000 Gal	- Above	\$ 68.00
NOTE: Unmetered and flat rates phased out upon completion of meter change-out program.		



### COMMONWEALTH UTILITIES CORPORATION SCHEDULE OF WATER CHARGES AND RATES

Pursuant to the Water Electric Charge & Wastewater Electric Charge tariff authorized by the Commonwealth Public Utilities Commission ("Commission") in its January 27, 2012 Order, the new Water Electric Charge will be **\$3.66** per 1,000 gallons, an increase from \$3.36, effective **September 10, 2012**. The Commission enacted the Water Electric Charge to "reimburse CUC for all power costs associated with the production, treatment and transportation of water and wastewater service."

	CHARGES & RATES
<b>WATER ELECTRIC CHARGE</b>	
All Customer Classes -- Per 1,000 Gallons	<b>(Eff 09/10/12)</b>
NOTE: Subject to revision based on changes to Electric rates	\$ 3.66
<b>METERED CUSTOMERS</b>	
<b>Monthly Service Fee</b>	<b>(Eff 02/27/12)</b>
5/8" x 3/4"	\$ 10.86
1"	12.67
1 1/2"	19.91
2"	25.34
3"	63.35
4"	99.55
6"	135.75
8"	199.10
10"	280.55
12"	362.00
<b>Volume Rate Per 1,000 Gallons</b>	
<b>Residential &amp; Commercial</b>	
-	3,000 0.72
3,001	15,000 1.74
15,001	30,000 2.68
30,001	60,000 3.59
60,001	Above 4.49
<b>Multi-Family</b>	
-	3,000 2.95
3,001	15,000 2.95
15,001	30,000 2.95
30,001	60,000 2.95
60,001	Above 2.95
<b>CUC</b>	
<b>Government</b>	
<b>Public School System</b>	
-	Above 54.30
-	Above 44.30
<b>UNMETERED CUSTOMERS -- FIXED CHARGE</b>	
Residential	\$ 54.00
Multi-Family	54.00
Commercial	275.40
CUC	275.40
Government	275.40
Public School System	275.40
NOTE: Unmetered and flat rates phased out upon completion of meter change-out program.	

## AS SILVER EXPLORER MULLS CNMI VISIT

## Successful trip would be 'gateway' for more cruise visits

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Should the anticipated expedition of the luxury cruise liner *Silver Explorer* in the Northern Marianas push through successfully in 2014, it will become a "gateway" for more similar visits from the ship's operator, thereby generating the needed additional revenue to supplement the government's meager resources.

Ariel Dumapit and Matt Buenabajo of Inchcape Shipping Services, local agent for *Silver Explorer*, revealed the expedition which is still in the planning phase during their presentation at the 1st Northern Frontier Summit held last Sept. 6 at the Fiesta Resort & Spa in Garapan.

*Silver Explorer* is one of the luxury cruise ships operated by Silversea Expeditions which offers "cruises that are just as exhilarating as they are luxurious" to "adventure-seeking travelers with discerning tastes," according to its website.

The *Silver Explorer* plans to include the Northern Islands in its itinerary for the 2014 expedition, and Dumapit disclosed that they are already working with local and federal agencies that would be involved in this proposed visit.

Buenabajo described the *Silver Explorer* as measuring 354 feet with a gross tonnage of 6,072. It is run by a 117-crew team that takes care of up to 132 passengers. Besides the usual facilities of a cruise ship, *Silver Explorer* boasts of personalized butler service and exquisite dining, among others.

The *Silver Explorer* 2014 expedition, Dumapit said, would begin its 2014 voyage from the Arctic region down to Antarctica and the operator wants to include a visit to the Northern Islands, Saipan, and

Tinian in its schedule.

In the Northern Islands, the ship wants to visit Maug where passengers can use zodiac boats to cruise around the island, followed by a visit to Pagan where travelers who are physically fit can go trekking to explore the island.

After staying at the Northern Islands, *Silver Explorer* will then proceed to Saipan where the passengers will also go around the island, learn about its history, cultures, and traditions, and go shopping. Dumapit said the Saipan stay is being coordi-

nated by PDI.

Subsequently, the ship will head to Tinian before going to other islands in the Pacific like the neighboring island of Guam and in Yap.

Buenabajo said that an estimated 100 passengers will be on board the *Silver Explorer* for the 2014 voyage, and they are mostly U.S. citizens,

while the rest would be a mix of Australians, Japanese, Germans, British, and other Europeans. He described them as "prominent" travelers who would like to veer from a regular cruise and would want to see more of nature.

"What they (Silversea Expeditions) informed us once is that once this historic event

materialized, there will be some more expeditions. This is like a gateway for us," Buenabajo told over 80 summit attendees.

He added that since the proposed expedition is still in the planning stage, some details have yet to be ironed out. "Before 2014 comes, we will have a better picture on how we're going to go about it."



CLARISSA V. DAVID  
Ariel Dumapit, right, and Matt Buenabajo of Inchcape Shipping Services discuss the planned visit of the expedition cruise liner *Silver Explorer* during the 1st Northern Frontier Summit held Friday at the Fiesta Resort & Spa in Garapan.

## Credit union suspends members' withdrawal of savings

Members of the Commonwealth Government Employees Credit Union who wish to withdraw may no be able to do so following the Fitial administration's disclosure that withdrawals are now suspended until further notice.

This was what press secretary Angel Demapan told *Saipan Tribune* Friday, citing the need for the completion of an audit to determine the financial viability of the union.

"Withdrawal requests remain pending until an audit of the CGECU finances is completed," Demapan told *Saipan Tribune*, adding that the organization has never had an audit since 2008.

"Given the number of years that has passed, OPA (Office of Public Auditor) has been requested for an updated audit. Once the audit is complete, the

CGECU will be able to formulate plans to address withdrawal requests and collection efforts for outstanding loans of members," said Demapan, who also asked the members' continued patience because the union is now working to have all its financial reports updated so that it will be able to begin disbursing payments for members who have pending requests for withdrawals.

Demapan disclosed that the audit is being contracted between OPA and an independent audit firm and the administration has not been advised yet as to when the audit is expected to be completed. The press secretary, when inquired about the number of pending withdrawal applications, said he has yet to know the information at this time.

But Demapan assured that the

Fitial administration is commit-

ted in providing support to the union to address its operations needs. The CGECU is not funded by the central government. It is sustained by members' deposits and loan payments.

Worried members of the union interviewed by *Saipan Tribune* disclosed that they were barred from withdrawing their savings, even if they badly needed their monies, due to the audit. "But the big question is: until when we're going to wait?" one of them told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday.

Another member who is an employee of the public hospital also expressed frustration on the issue. With the delayed issuance of the housing benefit and the uncertainty of salaries in the hospital, the member is disappointed of not accessing her own savings from the union. (Moneth G. Deposa)

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## SDA kicks off 40th anniversary with open house



Staff of the Saipan Seventh-day Adventist Clinic joins SDA students for a souvenir photo outside the clinic along Quartermaster Road.

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REPORTER

The Saipan Seventh-day Adventist Clinic welcomed members of the community in its Open House event Friday, kicking off its three-day 40th anniversary festivities.

Dr. Kenneth Pierson, clinic director, said the event was aimed at celebrating a significant milestone in their history, which was made more special by the arrival of clinic founders, Dr. Steve and Karyl Fisher, who joined them in commemorating the event.

"We wanted to give the opportunity for people in the community to come and see them because there are still many people who remember them," he said in an interview.

Additionally, Pierson said the open house highlighted the various outreach programs and community activities of the longest-established dental clinic in the Northern Marianas.

Through the years, the Saipan SDA Clinic has been well-known for initiatives like the Give Kids A Smile, its scholarship program for the SDA School, oral health presentations in schools, off-island mission trips, and cancer prevention and betel nut studies.

The clinic staff set up booths detailing each of these projects for Friday's event, allowing guests to learn more about how Saipan SDA Clinic provides dental services in accordance with their Christian beliefs and principles.

Being around for 40 years to serve the community has been their biggest achievement, according to Pierson.

"You never know what the future holds but we're just so grateful to God that He has sustained us, that we're still able to be here to provide the service that we do and hopefully continue to grow, expand and keep people's trust," he said.

Being a church-owned organization also helps, said Pierson, allowing them to remain and provide high quality service using the highest standards of ethics—the very foundation of the Saipan SDA Clinic.

"The main purpose is to

serve the people and meet their needs so at this point, we are meeting the needs of the community as far as dental and general health," he added.

With four full-time and two part-time doctors at the clinic, Pierson said they have enough staff that would afford them to go to Tinian and Rota where they can extend treatment and services.

"In the future, it would be best to kind of have a satellite clinic there. It's possible but at this point, we don't have immediate plans on that," said Pierson, adding that they continue to maintain their satellite clinic in Kagman.

Friday's event opened with a brief ceremony for the clinic staff from the management and students of the SDA School.

Newly hired principal Sharon

Nguyen led 29 students from the school's Child Development Center and elementary campus and several faculty and staff in expressing their appreciation for the SDA Clinic which has supported them through the annual scholarship program.

For two years now, the clinic has donated about \$50,000 every year, allowing qualified students to receive private Christian education at SDA School. Pierson said they plan to continue and possibly expand the scholarship program. "By God's grace, as long as we're able to, we will."

Nguyen, in her remarks, compared the students to "treasures being stored in heaven" through the generosity of the clinic despite the struggling economy that is felt "very deeply" in the CNMI.

"I can only assume those

struggles make their way to the clinic as well," she said. "However, the clinic reaches deep down into their hearts and finances in order to store treasures not on this earth, but in heaven."

Nguyen also presented the clinic a plaque of appreciation for its good deeds for the school, which was accepted by Pierson.

The students, meanwhile, also presented a whiteboard bearing the words "Thank You" and the signatures of the students who benefit in the scholarship program, as well as leis and mwar-mwars to clinic officials and board members.

Guests at the open house enjoyed healthy refreshments. The anniversary celebration carried on with a church service and program Saturday and a luncheon at Pacific Islands Club Saipan yesterday.



Dr. Kenneth Pierson, Saipan Seventh-day Adventist Clinic director, holds the plaque of appreciation presented by SDA school during Friday's open house event that kicked off the clinic's three-day 40th anniversary celebration. Also in photo are, from left to right, Karlyn and Dr. Steve Fisher, who founded the clinic; Pierson; former SDA Guam-Micronesia Mission board member Smehl Gallen; treasurer Charles Reel; education department secretary Karla Reel; and former president Willy Nobuo.



Young students visit the Give Kids A Smile booth, one of the several put up by the Saipan Seventh-day Adventist Clinic staff for their open house event Friday.

## Flashback

A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

Sept. 10, 1999

### JTPA warns of increase in crime due to unemployment

Job Training Partnership Act director Felix Nogis yesterday warned that the lack of available jobs for locals may lead to an increase in the number of food stamp recipients and contribute to the growing crime rate including juvenile delinquency. Nogis expressed his concern as he noted the lack of interest among private companies to assist in accepting students for the on-the-job training program and eventually provide them gainful employment. "Those people who have meaningful jobs will definitely not commit any crime. But you would have an increase in crime rate when you have out-of-school youth like these who do not have jobs because there are no opportunities for them," said Nogis.

### Teno vetoes amendment on garment workers

Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio yesterday disapproved a proposed amendment to a law that sets the cap on the number of guest workers in the garment industry in fear that it could open up a loophole to increase, instead of reduce, the sector's foreign labor pool. The veto came on the day of his departure for Washington D.C. to attend next week's congressional hearings tackling local labor and immigration reforms. "I am concerned it would undermine the intentions of Public Law 11-76 and potentially create an environment in which the total number of alien workers in the garment industry will never be reduced," the governor said in his veto message.

Sept. 10, 2001

### CDA may seize CUC assets

The Commonwealth Development Authority may seize the assets of the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation if it fails to comply with a court ruling, ordering it to settle \$102 million in delinquent loans. CDA counsel F. Matthew Smith said that his client may resort to the regular course of collecting loans if the utility company does not voluntarily pay the relief granted by the CNMI Superior Court. This, even as he stressed that he believes the CUC has the capability to pay its obligations to the government-owned lending agency.

### New funding eyed for Tinian school

The Tinian Elementary School may soon receive additional funding amounting to \$1.2 million, courtesy of a bill passed by the House of Representatives during Friday's session. The lower chamber passed on first and final reading House Bill 12-411 reappropriating \$1.2 million from the \$2.79 that was originally set aside for the new 7th and 8th grade classrooms of the elementary school. The measure now heads to the Senate for adoption. According to Rep. Norman Palacios, the measure's author, the Tinian Legislative Delegation has found that, due to changing priorities and requirements of the school, it has become necessary for certain capital improvement projects appropriated under Public Law 11-89 to be reprioritized. "An official assessment based on a Building Safety Assessment Report issued by the Technical Services Division of the Department of Public Works also found out that some of the existing classrooms in the elementary school are unsafe for occupancy," Palacios said.

Sept. 10, 2002

### Rota mayor rallies behind Governor

Rota Mayor Benjamin T. Manglona threw his support behind Gov. Juan N. Babauta amid a recall petition reportedly circulated around the Northern Marianas by the chief executive's critics. Manglona immediately released an "Open Letter" urging his constituents in Rota, as well as the rest of the Commonwealth community, to take no notice of the recall petition, noting that political squabbles would only do the CNMI economy more harm. "Put away the petition to recall Governor Juan Babauta. Instead, let our leaders support and encourage the chief executive. Against the forces assailing our economy, we need a common front," Manglona wrote.

### Saipan airport improvements on the go

Work is underway to make the Saipan International Airport one of the world's finest, as the Commonwealth Ports Authority sets its sight to wider range of activities at the island's air transport facility. Ports Authority Executive Director Carlos H. Salas disclosed plans to discuss with CPA's two major concession operators—Duty Free Shoppers and LSG—on the possibility of bringing new products and services to their respective airport operations.

# Woman pleads not guilty to falsifying marital status

A woman facing federal indictment for allegedly causing a woman to falsify her marital status in the birth certificate application for a child has pleaded not guilty.

Ying Liu, 39, a Chinese national, pleaded not guilty on Thursday afternoon to the indictment charging her with one count of unlawful production of identification, one count of false statement of material fact, and one count of conspiracy to defraud the United States.

U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona set the jury trial for Nov. 5, 2012 at 9am.

Liu appeared with retained counsel, Colin Thompson. Assistant U.S. attorney Ross

## Freedom Walk to remember 9/11, uniformed personnel

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REPORTER

The community is invited to participate in tomorrow's "Freedom Walk" to pay tribute to those who lost their lives during the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks and to honor all uniformed personnel who proudly serve and protect the nation.

Organized by the CNMI Disaster Preparedness Month and the 11th year September 11th Commemoration Committee, the walk will begin at the Garapan Fishing Base and will proceed to the American Memorial Park where a brief ceremony will be held.

Assembly time for the Freedom Walk is at 5pm and the walk commence promptly at 6pm.

The organizing committee encouraged the public to renew their commitment to

## Chamber conducts USDA seminar

The Saipan Chamber of Commerce, through its Small Business Committee, will host a one-hour seminar discussion with USDA Rural Development/Business and Cooperative Programs officials to introduce CNMI individuals, corporations, cooperatives and non-profit corporations to financial assistance and business planning through USDA business programs.

The seminar discussion will be conducted at the Chamber's conference rooms on Thursday, Sept. 13, 2012 from 9am to 10am. The Chamber Small Business Committee Chairman Oscar Camacho will convene the committee meeting which will allow the general public to attend. There is no charge for attending the seminar discussion.

USDA Rural Development State director Chris Kanazawa, and Joseph M. Diego, Area II director, will present material on business program commercial lending, which would fund

Naughton represented the U.S. government.

Manglona last week released Liu on a \$25,000 unsecured bond.

According to the indictment, on April 30, 2012, Liu caused the Vital Statistics Office to produce a birth certificate for Hua Li's minor child. The birth certificate unlawfully failed to state the name of Hua Li's husband.

Liu allegedly aided Li to state in a birth certificate application for Li's child that Li was not married, when in fact she was married.

The "fatherless" birth certificate was allegedly used as a supporting document in a passport application for the child in order to fraudulently circumvent the

two-parent consent rule.

On June 25, 2012, Liu al-

legedly caused the submission of an "affidavit of correction

on vital record" to amend the child's birth certificate to show

the name of the father, Dongjun Guo. (Ferdie de la Torre)



## LEADERSHIP RETREAT

Freshman class officer Catherine Javier works with other student leaders and school president Galvin Deleon Guerrero to plan events for school year 2012-2013.

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## EDITORIAL

### What the conventions told us

Like the Republican convention that preceded it, the Democratic National Convention was a combination of infomercial, revival meeting (with former President Clinton in the role of evangelist in chief) and audition for rising political stars. Also like the Republican gathering, it was predictably longer on general pronouncements than on precise policy prescriptions.

Still, the convention in Charlotte, N.C., effectively dramatized important differences between the two parties and their candidates. Some involve foreign policy (President Obama accused Mitt Romney, fairly, of wanting to return to "an era of blustering and blundering"). Others deal with the social issues, notably same-sex marriage and abortion rights, that loomed so large in the convention's oratory. Here, the Democrats' policy is the enlightened one, while the Republican platform is a capitulation to social conservatives.

Most important, the parties differ on the role of government in promoting what the Constitution calls the general welfare.

The message from the podium in Tampa, Fla., was that debt, deficit and government regulations are not just holding back the economy, they are destroying the American dream that each generation can do better than its predecessors. In the GOP's telling, Obama would make matters worse by raising taxes on those who have the power to pull the country out of its rut, penalizing the successful in order to satisfy the burgeoning demand for handouts. The rising cost of government and entitlements amounts to an existential challenge to this country, the Republicans argued, and Obama has no plan to bring that cost under control.

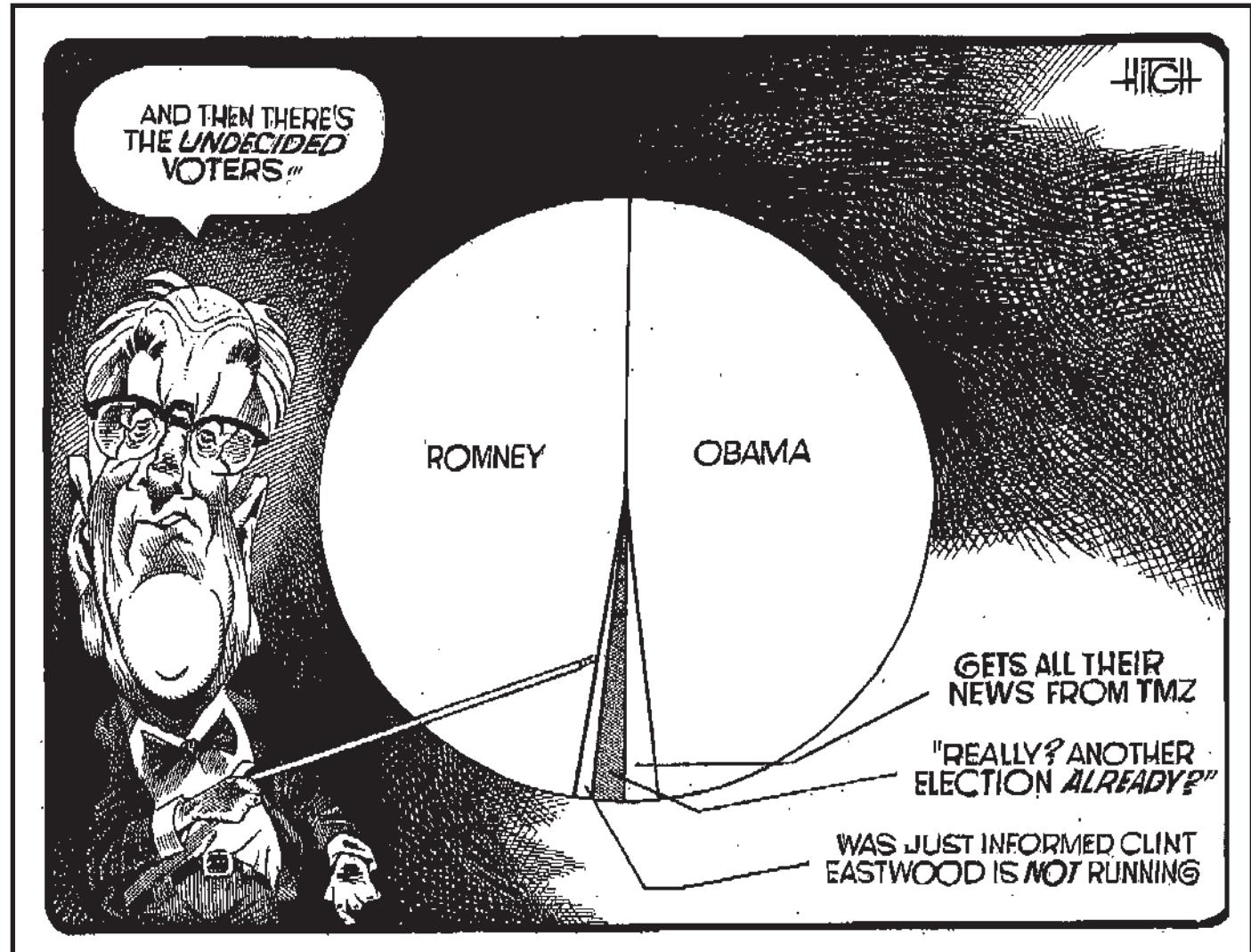
The response from Democrats was that the economy is improving, albeit too slowly (a reality confirmed by unemployment figures released Friday), and that the size of the debt shouldn't deter Washington from making the investments in education, research and infrastructure that will help the economy over the long run. The existential threat to America isn't from government, it's from rising income inequality, the gap between workers' skills and the demands of the new economy, and the worst downturn since the Depression. Oh yes, and it also comes from Republicans who want to dismantle the government programs, laws and rules that help Americans afford college, obtain health insurance, cut their use of fossil fuels and guard against another Wall Street collapse.

There are also specific policy differences, some of them highlighted in Charlotte. Obama would not continue Bush-era tax cuts for households with incomes over \$250,000, and he would reject Republican proposals to "voucherize" Medicare. In his acceptance speech, Obama slyly mocked the Republicans' fixation on tax cuts: "Have a surplus? Try a tax cut. Deficit too high? Try another. Feel a cold coming on? Take two tax cuts, roll back some regulations and call us in the morning."

Of these two accounts of reality, the Democrats' is the more persuasive one. But while his acceptance speech touched on a variety of issues, Obama was less than clear about how he would accomplish some of his priorities. For example, he called for strengthening Social Security in some unspecified "responsible" way. Of course, Romney also has been stingy with details. For example, he's refused to explain how he would slash tax rates without increasing the deficit.

It's possible that Obama and Romney will be more forthcoming on the campaign trail, especially in three televised debates in which the questioners, if not the candidates themselves, will press for specifics. The debates also could force the candidates

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## Our people are the future of the CNMI

Before I begin my main discussion, I pose a question to all of us. As a father of children would you desert the children when they are sick or crying out for help? Would you ignore their pleas for guidance? Frankly speaking, isn't this what has happened to us with our present governor? Where is he when we need him most? How can the father of our country be so callous and indifferent to our needs? That is why I repeat:

"Cry, my beloved country, for our father has abandoned us!"

If my father had not shown an interest in me when I needed him I would have been a total failure. I thank God my father guided me and that has made all the difference in my life. Think why I am relating this at this time.

Daily we are deluged with negative and depressing reports about our CNMI. The one solution I see in overcoming all this negativity is my favorite theme song:

"Developing our human resources must become a national priority regardless of costs and effort if we are to become economically strong and independent."

Here is a quote from Lee Kuan Yew, the former prime minister of Singapore, that tells its secret to success:

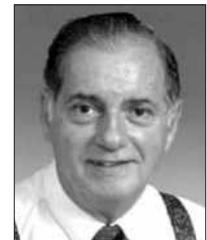
"Singapore's success is due to the ability and industry of our young people, willing and eager to learn, prepared to work hard and pay their way in the world, finding pride and pleasure in constructive endeavor... There is no law in nature which provides that life will get better next year. We have to work to make it better."

Consider that in 1959, Singapore was separated from England and became an independent state without any development and poor human resources. Today its people enjoy the third highest per capita income in the world. Spend a few minutes learning about the development of Singapore and see how it struggled to become one of the world's leading richest nations. It is a true success story of people overcoming seemingly impossible obstacles.

The one point that pops up whenever we read or discuss the rise of successful countries is the high development of its human capital. Each successful country devotes tremendous energy to creating an intelligent workforce. It creates all kinds of incentives for its youth to study and become professionals needed to work in the industries that propel a nation into economic stability.

**By ANTHONY PELLEGRINO**  
Special to the Saipan Tribune

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*Recently I heard that the CNMI has a total of 9,699 food stamp recipients. This means that 19 percent of Saipan residents, 13 percent of Tinian residents, and 12 percent of Rota citizens collect food stamps monthly. And the line is getting longer monthly. But does anyone care and is trying to change this?*

Where are our administrators and other leaders in the community on this matter of motivating our citizens to become skilled workers and professionals? Do we accept the fact that only our citizens can build a sustainable strong country? Will our youth ever become entrepreneurs in our own land?

Has the federal food stamp annual subsidy brought prosperity to us? It seems that only the lucky few employed by the government are able to enjoy a semblance of income through their payrolls. They are being subsidized through grants.

I love it when someone in the government tries to justify a junket by saying: "Most of the trip was paid by Federal funds." The insult

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## Abarambau Na Estau

**M**egai nina' fan chatsaga pot ripot taya' trastes gi hospitat kontodu para i man-gaige gi ICU. Ta diseseha na masatba este na finatsu. Mampos seriosu para um-aletek asuntun hinemu yan linala' linahyan gi uniku na hospitat guine.

I problema layege gaige gi mañegan fondu para operasion CHC ni gobietnu. Uttimu gi mapos na sakan, i CHC manana'e kase \$40 miyon gi sakan para mantensiona. Pagu na biahe, mapatten tiu enau i \$5 miyon para tinituhoña.

I taya' fondu para i hospitat mas ha atisa klaru na tai fondu i kahan iya Marianas para i mas man-presisu siha na setbisiu. Kontodu eskuelan iya Kagman presisu na una' guaha doble klase (oga'an yan taloane) sa' tinahoña fondu para i PSS.

**Dañoso Na Subridan Tax**

Mahatsa i tax kontra i bisnis guine gi alacha pot para umahatsa i kontribusion tax. Ha bira siha i bisnis ya ensegidas mahatsa fektus niha. Gigun mahatsa presiun niha pinalo'pu' i tautau siha 'nai man-malag i tenda pot nesessidat mantension familia.

Ti hoñgiyon i hatsadan presiun fektus siha. Mattu gi 'nai mas maribaha i fuetsan pottanmonedan familia. Este na che'chu' lehislatura mampos hasupag. Taya' mas nina' dañu ke tautau siha gi señgsoñg. Haf' na mampos man-diskuidau ni lina'la' i mas man-na'mase?

Kada familia maguaddia siempre gastun niha. Ti man-libre gi gastu taimanu i alacha. 'Nai magu'ot tattie gastu, ni bisnis ti man-mirese. I makatkukula na kontribusion tax atlibes i resulta. Pues siempre mas menus i kontribusion apas tax. I hatsadan tax, todú i tiempsu i tautau chumachahlau gi uttimu besis.

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gets bigger when the individual returns and has nothing to share with his fellow workers about what he learned on the trip except what he or she bought in the shopping malls.

The first step to overcoming the above dilemma is to begin developing our human resources. We must become concerned with the lack of "human capital" that we should have developed a long time ago, but did not.

Consider when we need a plumber, a carpenter, a painter, or a mason, whom do we call? Are there any qualified resident workers to do any of these jobs regardless of the salary rate? We just don't have the necessary skilled trades people. How can we become economically prosperous without a developed "human capital?"

One of the major problems that the Northern Marianas Trades Institute has is finding qualified local instructors. As a result many courses cannot be offered. What a sad situation.

Being in business in Saipan for over 28 years, I have noticed the lack of motivation in our people to work seriously and a lack of desire to learn a skill or profession. But I really don't blame them. No one has ever tried to motivate them, especially not parents and not our leaders. The few of us who are fairly successful are so because we were motivated by someone. Otherwise we too would be in the food stamp line.

We have created a socialist class without realizing it. When our local government spends over 75 percent of its budget for its employees, how can it be a government "of the people and for the people?" It caters to about 5,000 citizens and acts as a sycophant (good word—look it up). Why? Because it wants our votes every few years to stay in power. Plainly put, our government is distinguished by unequal distribution of goods and pay according to work done. It has forgotten that its proper function is to govern, not to operate industries.

No one seems to care if any work is done or if it is done no one

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to address issues of leadership that linger for a lot of voters after the conventions: Would Romney as president be willing to cross the conservative activists to whom he has been so deferential if that were the cost of achieving his objectives? What makes Obama think he will be more successful in forging compromises with congressional Republicans—including a "grand bargain" to simplify the tax code

Mauleg ta dimemoria na'an niha este siha na muron. Tanae' lokue' subrida na Nobiembre gi hiyuñ lehislatura. Maila' tafan hita talu manohge parehu gi huli' tanu'. Siempre malie' i tailaye na che'chu' niha 'an man-hinegse mismu.

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**Lugat neñgkanu' natibu**

Malolofan-yu' un' pupueñge gi kattan Hyatt Regency. Ha kone'yu' tattie guife na tiempsu 'nai sessu 'in fatoigue i lugat man-e'pañglau gi fina' sisonyan.

Dañgkulu matulaikaña i lugat. Magahet bonitu sa' mana' inadotna filan flores siha yan finu na pinessun akittran. Enfin, maliñgu hasas lugat mame yan i tropan Lali Fo' pañglau echuñg.

I inai Puntan Muchot lamegai chimili' ni federat. I teteñan puritinala' tatautau ni pumalai siha fina' laña para u fan lahomhum kulot niha (sun tan).

Siña ha' i talayeru malofan ya umesuette. Lau sessu ma-estotba finalagun tiau, faya yan manineñ ni bisita siha ginan i chagu'. Kumeke machum lokue' ayu na fina kantun tasi 'nai sessuyu' chumili guagua' gi as tata antes.

Hu echa este na asuntu pot presisu na u guaha kabales na inatüñgu' pot usun kantun tasi gi planun adelantun industrian turista. Mauleg, lau haf' baliña yangin los ultimos ha displanta hit ginan hasas lugat 'nai ta sosoda' fina' totchen familia taiguhe antes?

Siña ha' mafá' chaleg puntoghu pot pañglau yan tiau. Lau na ti tradision finana'guen mañainatga pot para ta kubre nesessidat sentadan familiata? Guaha binabaña para ta eksisia haf' hasas kumatsu estomagun natibu deste antes?

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**Gi tiempun ha'ilas**

checks the quality of it. The plan is to get on the payroll for the next twenty years or so and don't make waves. This can be seen by the negligence of all the government's physical plants and transportation vehicles. No one seems to care or have pride otherwise they would maintain them and keep the equipment in good condition so that it would last a long time. Instead we squander our resources and then ask for another subsidy.

Forgive me for preaching the same thing again and again. But we must start improving our situation by ourselves immediately. Outside help is not the answer. We must do it ourselves. Our father has abandoned us.

Please let's begin to examine ourselves. Let's begin to have pride in our abilities. We can and must succeed. The late Earl Nightingale defined "success" as "the progressive realization of a worthy goal." He meant that success is never ending and takes time and effort. Let's set the goals and move progressively towards them.

In closing let me relate a little story that shows life is all about people and what they do with what God has given us. One day a preacher was driving along the various farms of his district. He spotted one farm that was unusually well tended and laid out. The trees were heavy with fruit and the fields sprouted an abundance of crops. The fences were neatly painted and the livestock appeared fat and healthy.

The preacher stopped his car and walked over to the farmer hard at work in his field. After greeting him, the preacher remarked: "God has been good to you to give you such a beautiful and bountiful farm. You have been blessed."

The farmer smiled as he wiped his sweating brow and replied: "Preacher, you are correct that God gave me this farm to tend. But you should have seen what it looked like when he gave it to me."

In conclusion, if we don't start immediately on improving our "human resources" we can expect to lose our identity sooner than we realize. Think about my meaning during the week.

Remember to keep SMILING! It is the only true link between people. Have a great week.

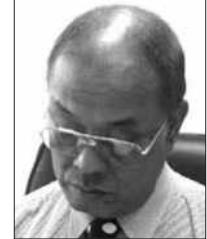
and reduce the debt—in a second term than he was in the first? His acceptance speech was disappointingly evasive on that question.

Many voters are comfortable about casting their ballots without any additional elaboration from the candidates, and that's not surprising. As Obama said in his acceptance speech, this election already poses the "clearest choice of any time in a generation." But in a close contest, both candidates may find it advantageous to go into greater detail when they aren't preaching to the already converted.

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**By JOHN S. DELROSARIO JR.**

Special to the Saipan Tribune



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Hana' hassu-yu' un' sinisede 'nai tumalalaya un' amku' gi alacha. Tinagam ni un' empleau Fish and Wildlife ya finaisen kau gai lisensiague' usun talaya. Ineppa na ahe'. Dispues inedtin na u fañule' lisensiagaña 'sino gai problemague siempre yan lai talaya.

Ha tantan kinine'ña dispues ha sañgane i empleau F&W, "Lahihu, chule' manu guine ilegmu inyun gobietnu. Po'lu i pumalu ya bai' hanau bai afletuye si tihamu". 'Nai mattu gi kareaña, ha atan tattie ya ilegña, "Hagas ham ha' laihihu yan defuntu tatamu tumalaya sin lisensia". Esta ha dodobla-gue' i prohimu ni mamahlaua lau esta atrasau.

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"Nai para u akamu' si Pedron Malas, kumonfisat pot preparasion. Finaisen as pale kuantu na Yuus guaha. Sige man-hassu dispues ilegña, "Dies!" Sinañgane as pale na u sige estake ha soda' i propiu na ineppa. Gi hiniyoñgña, ha soda' si Juan Malas ya ha faisen ni mismu kuestion. Sinañgane na unu' ha' na Yuus guaha. Matman si Duñg ya ha atrebigue', "Nañga Iku, hombre i dies ti malagu' si pale ha aksepta!" Ai na durun chaleg.

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Iya Hawaii ha tutuhon muna fañuha todú che'chu otru ni ti patte gi estorian kutturan niha. Marianas lokue' debi u chogue parehu desti kanta, baila yan otru siha ni man-mafabrika lau hagas ti patte gi estorian kutturan tano'ta.

**LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**

## Think for a minute!

A word of advice for those who do not agree with the governors' methods or who do not like the governor, period: When you do foolish stunts like create a Twitter account impersonating the governor, you do not increase his chances of impeachment or being hated—you add to the idea that we, the people of the CNMI, are idiots. I am not siding with the governor or anyone else in politics, God forbid; I would be the last person to side in politics! But it bothers me when someone tries to voice his/her opinion to the whole world in an idiotic manner. Here's a tip: When you want to voice your opinion to the whole world try and do it in an educated manner where it doesn't make us look like fools!

**Charlene Masiwemai**

Koblerville, Saipan

## Flashing red lights means 'stop'

I've noticed that the streetlights in Garapan and other locations are now flashing instead of operating as usual. I don't think people realize that a flashing red light means "STOP" first and then proceed with caution. I have not seen any cars stop at the crosswalk from DFS Galleria to the Hafa Adai Shopping center at the flashing red light. This is extremely dangerous for pedestrians because where cars used to have to stop for them before, now they just continue through the flashing red light without even looking as if it meant nothing. Last night, I saw pedestrians in this cross walk, half-way across the road and cars just continuing through without even looking at them. I hope people will realize that they are actually required to stop at this flashing red light. I hope the police will take note of this and watch out for the pedestrians trying to cross and hopefully have the light switched back the way it was for the safety of anyone who wants to cross.

**Susan Marchitti**

Via email

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# The Weather

## 5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Mostly cloudy with isolated showers. Light and variable winds.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers. Light and variable winds.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.
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### Micronesia

Guam and Rota	Thunderstorms	▲ 84	▼ 78
Palau	Thunderstorms	▲ 84	▼ 77
Yap	Thunderstorms	▲ 87	▼ 77
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	▲ 85	▼ 78
Pohnpei	Showers	▲ 87	▼ 75
Kosrae	Showers	▲ 87	▼ 75
Majuro	Showers	▲ 87	▼ 80

### Around The Globe

Auckland	Windy	▲ 60	▼ 56
Beijing	Showers	▲ 78	▼ 57
Hong Kong	Partly Cloudy	▲ 89	▼ 81
Honolulu	Partly Cloudy	▲ 85	▼ 74
London	Cloudy	▲ 68	▼ 52
Los Angeles	Mostly Sunny	▲ 81	▼ 65
Manila	Thundershowers	▲ 86	▼ 79
Melbourne	Sunny	▲ 71	▼ 42
Miami	Thundershowers	▲ 86	▼ 77
New York	Sunny	▲ 74	▼ 57
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Paris	Cloudy	▲ 79	▼ 59
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Rome	Sunny	▲ 83	▼ 65
Salem	Partly Cloudy	▲ 69	▼ 47
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### DEPARTURES

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#### SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)

UA5070 4:35am 5:25am 2, 4, 6, 7  
UA5062 4:50am 5:40am 1, 3, 5  
UA5068 8:40am 9:30am Daily  
UA5074 11:30am 12:20pm 1, 4, 5, 7  
UA5076 3:10pm 4:00pm Daily  
UA5078 6:50pm 7:40pm Daily  
UA5072 9:55pm 10:45pm Daily

#### SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)

DL287 6:05am 8:45am Daily  
DL285 6:30am 9:15am 1, 3, 5, 7  
DL297 4:35pm 7:20pm Daily

#### SAIPAN-OSAKA (KIX)

0Z606/120 2:20am 8:50pm 1 via ICN  
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#### SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)

0Z606 2:20am 6:00am 1  
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0Z604 3:30pm 6:55pm Daily

#### SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)

3U8646 4:20am 7:30am 2, 6

#### SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)

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#### SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)

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UA5070/191 4:35am 9:55am 3, 6 via GUM  
DL287/173 6:05am 10:00pm Daily via NRT  
UA5076/183 3:10pm 8:45pm Daily via GUM  
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0Z604/703 3:30pm 10:40pm Daily via ICN  
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0Z604/723 3:30pm 10:40pm Daily via ICN

# Business

## Hiring slows in August, putting pressure on Fed

**WASHINGTON** (AP)—American employers cut back sharply on hiring last month, crushing hopes that the job market was improving and putting more pressure on the Federal Reserve to give the sluggish economy another jolt.

The Labor Department said Friday that employers added just 96,000 jobs in August, down from 141,000 in July and too few to keep up with population growth. The unemployment rate fell to 8.1 percent from 8.3 percent, but only because many people gave up looking for work, so they were no longer counted as unemployed.

### BUSINESS BRIEFS

#### Russia, Japan agree to move ahead on LNG project

**VLADIVOSTOK, Russia** (AP)—Russia and Japan are putting energy cooperation ahead of a longstanding territorial dispute as they move ahead with a long-awaited liquefied natural gas project in this far eastern seaport. Russian President Vladimir Putin and Japanese Prime Minister Yoshihiko Noda oversaw the signing of a memorandum for the \$13 billion project with Japan's Agency for Natural Resources and Energy on Saturday, on the sidelines of a Pacific Rim summit, Russian oil and gas giant Gazprom said. The project "will have a great meaning for developing the eastern part of the Unified Gas Supply System of Russia as well as raising Russian gas supplies to Asia-Pacific markets including Japan," Alexei Miller, Gazprom's chairman, said in a statement.

#### Food prices push China inflation up 2 pct in Aug.

**BEIJING** (AP)—A jump in food prices pushed China's inflation rate to rise 2 percent in August compared with a year earlier, complicating efforts by the government to revive growth with further stimulus measures. The consumer price index for August reported Sunday was higher than July's 1.8 percent growth. August food prices rose 3.4 percent from a year earlier, an increase from the previous month's 2.4 percent growth. Producer prices fell 3.5 percent year-on-year, compared with a 2.9 percent decline in July, China's National Bureau of Statistics said. The government has cut interest rates twice since the start of June to reverse a painful slowdown of 7.6 percent in the second quarter, but authorities are moving cautiously after its huge stimulus during the 2008 global crisis ignited inflation and a wasteful building boom.

The latest numbers were "downright dismal," TD Economics senior economist James Marple said in a description echoed by many others.

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economy remains hobbled in the aftermath of the deepest recession since the 1930s and simply isn't expanding fast enough to spark more hiring. Consumers, whose spending accounts for more than two-thirds of economic activity, have been whittling down debts and spending cautiously. The government reported last week that economic growth clocked a disappointing 1.7 percent annual pace in the

April-June quarter.

The economy is expected to grow at an annual rate of around 2 percent for the rest of the year, consistent with only 90,000 new jobs a month.

The disappointing numbers are a blow to President Barack Obama's re-election campaign. Unemployment is down from a peak of 10 percent in October 2009, but no incumbent president since Franklin D. Roosevelt has faced re-election with unemployment higher than 7.8 percent.

Republican presidential challenger Mitt Romney declared that "the weak jobs re-

port is devastating news for American workers and American families ... a harsh indictment of the president's handling of the economy."

Obama said August's hiring was "not good enough" and it's "a long tough journey" to recover from the recession that officially ended more than three years ago.

Despite the bad report, stock prices rose, most likely on expectations the Fed will act next week. The Dow Jones industrial average rose 14.64 points to 13,306.64. The Standard & Poor's 500 rose 5.80 to 1,437.92.

The job market got off to a strong start this year. Employers added an average 226,000 jobs

a month from January through March. But they couldn't sustain that pace, and hiring slowed to a monthly average of 67,000 from April through June.

It looked like things got back on track in July, when the government initially reported 163,000 new jobs, but the Labor Department revised that gain down by 22,000 on Friday.



AP

In this Tuesday, Aug. 21, 2012 file photo, job seekers wait in line at a construction job fair in New York.



**Commonwealth Utilities Corporation**  
Office of the Executive Director



### INVITATION FOR BIDS CUC-IFB-12-025

#### CONSTRUCTION OF MAINTENANCE & REPAIR SHOP BUILDINGS

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed bids from qualified firms for the construction of new concrete block maintenance and repair shop buildings at the CUC Sadog Tasi Wastewater Treatment Facility on Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

*This project is funded through a grant from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA).*

The project consists in general of the construction of concrete block maintenance and repair shop buildings and the expansion of existing buildings located on Saipan at Sadog Tasi. The work shall be done not to disrupt the daily operation of the wastewater treatment plant or the operations at the water and wastewater operations offices. The work includes construction of water maintenance shop, parking sheds, wastewater equipment storage, pump shop extension, guard house and asphalt paving improvements. The Project is to be completed in 240 calendar days from date of award of contract.

The Bid Package and Scope-of-Work may be picked-up, upon receipt of a deposit from the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of \$ 100.00 for one set; at the CUC, Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room 4, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Dandan, Saipan, between 7:30 AM to 11:30 AM and 12:30 PM to 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays.

A Pre-Bid Conference followed by site visits will be held on **September 11, 2012 at 10:00 AM (ChST)** at the CUC Main Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Room No.10, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building.

**One (1) original and Seven (7) copies** must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "CUC-IFB-12-025, Construction of Maintenance & Repair Shop Buildings" to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 4, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on October 2, 2012**, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Bid shall be submitted on the provided Bid Forms. Bidders are required to complete all Bid Forms. Bidders may supplement this form as appropriate. Bids will be required to be submitted under a condition of irrevocability for a period of 60 days after submission. Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered.

A Bid Guarantee of fifteen (15%) percent of the total bid price must accompany the bids. The security deposit may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. A Payment Bond of one hundred (100%) percent and a Performance Bond of one hundred (100%) percent of the total bid price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. The Payment and Performance bond must be executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. Surety company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

All insurers questions, concerns and qualification be should handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). Bidders are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code.

All bidders are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the bidders due to lack of information or understanding of the bid requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a bid under the contract.

Bidders are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations.

All questions or request for clarification regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than 10:00 AM (ChST) on **September 14, 2012** to Manny B. Sablan, Jr., CUC Purchasing Officer, via email – [manny.sablan@cucgov.org](mailto:manny.sablan@cucgov.org) with a copy to Commander, Kenneth Esplin, Water/Wastewater Engineer via email [kenneth.esplin@cucgov.org](mailto:kenneth.esplin@cucgov.org) and Ms. Christie Sablan, Procurement & Supply, Administrative Support Assistant – [christie.sablan@cucgov.org](mailto:christie.sablan@cucgov.org).

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all bids and waive any imperfection in the bid proposal in the best interest of the government. All bids shall become the property of CUC.

**/S/ ALAN W. FLETCHER  
Acting Executive Director**



**Northern Marianas Protection & Advocacy Systems, Inc.  
(NMPASI)**

#### REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The Northern Marianas Protection and Advocacy Systems, Inc. (NMPASI) is soliciting proposals for the financial and compliance audit for fiscal year ending September 30, 2012. NMPASI is the designated, federally funded protection and advocacy system for persons with disabilities in the CNMI. NMPASI uses a variety of individual and systems advocacy approaches to protect people's right, including legal and administrative remedies, legislative, policy change and trainings. Proposals for the financial and compliance audit shall be submitted to NMPASI, P.O. Box 503529, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than September 28, 2012. The audit shall be performed in compliance with the following guidelines:

1. Generally Accepted Auditing Standards;
2. OMB Circular A-133; and
3. Compliance with the General Requirements Applicable to Federal Financial Assistance Program.

Award will be based on specific factors such as prior experience, technical competence, ability to meet the deadline and price in this order. The contract for this audit will be awarded no later than October 19, 2012. The audit work shall commence by December 30, 2012, and a final audit report shall be completed by March 15, 2013. A list of specific audit requirements and Agency's profile are available at NMPASI office, Gualo Rai. Any questions regarding this matter can be addressed to Mr. James Rayphand, Executive Director at Tel. No. 235-7274/7273.

# Nation

## Obama out to renew magic; Romney hits defense cuts

**SEMINOLE, Fla.** (AP)—Eager to change the subject after a dismal jobs report, President Barack Obama tried to rekindle some of the enthusiasm of his 2008 campaign Saturday with a bus tour through a must-win swath of Florida, urging supporters not to “buy into the cynicism that somehow the change we fought for isn’t possible.” Republican candidate Mitt Romney faulted both his own party in Congress and Obama for exposing the armed forces to huge spending cuts.

Obama, speaking to a crowd of 11,000 at the Seminole campus of St. Petersburg College, gave Floridians a populist plea not to “turn away now.”

“If you give up the idea that your voice can make a difference,” Obama said, “then other folks are going to fill the void: the lobbyists, the special interests, the people who are writing \$10 million checks, the folks who are trying to keep people from voting” and more.

Campaigning in a state where the 8.8 percent jobless rate tops the national average,



President Obama urges supporters to knock on doors to get people out to vote during a campaign rally Saturday, Sept. 8, 2012, in Seminole, Fla.

the president made no mention of Friday’s government report showing a weak employment outlook for the nation. But he urged people to help him “finish what we started,” and he put creating more jobs at the top of his to-do list.

The president called on people to rally behind “real, achievable goals that will lead to new jobs and more opportunity.”

Romney, campaigning in Virginia’s military-dependent

tidewater area, was determined to keep the spotlight on the country’s weak jobs outlook, laid out in the latest Labor Department report on unemployment. It was the first topic he raised in an appearance before a flag-waving audience of 4,000 in a hanger at the private Military Aviation Museum, vintage aircraft on display around him.

“This is not the kind of news that the American people are hoping for and deserve,” he said.

## Race may be down to a handful of unknowns

**PORTSMOUTH, N.H.** (AP)—Flush with cash, Mitt Romney plans to open a new front in the White House race by challenging President Barack Obama in upper Midwest states where he might not have dug in otherwise. Obama is intensifying his efforts to cast his Republican rival as out of touch, which he’s already been working pretty hard at doing.

Sure, this is the beginning of the homestretch to Election Day, when everything in the two campaigns goes into overdrive and a September or October surprise could upset it all.

But this all has the whiff of politicking around the

margins, too—a tweak in state-by-state strategy here, a rhetorical detour there. The fact is that both candidates believe the campaign’s direction is mostly settled and will be decided by a handful of unknowns.

With two months until the Nov. 6 vote, it remains remarkably close with a turbulent summer and back-to-back conventions seemingly doing little to shift the trajectory. Jobs and the weak economy still dominate. The latest unemployment rate, 8.1 percent, did nothing to change that. A rate finally dropping below 8 percent might have.

Romney is looking to expand the battleground map

by trying to put in play states that have long voted for Democratic presidential nominees. Among them are the home states of the Republican ticket, Michigan for Romney and Wisconsin for Rep. Paul Ryan.

In the coming weeks, Romney’s team is expected to pay for a heavy level of TV ads for Michigan and Wisconsin, either in hopes of winning them or to force Obama to spend precious campaign dollars to defend states he won by more than 10 percentage points in 2008. Polls in both states slightly favor Obama.

A super political action committee supporting Obama launched a new ad in Wisconsin Saturday.

Hasan’s attorneys will appeal the order.

### 2 tornadoes strike in NYC; no injuries reported

**NEW YORK** (AP)—Two tornadoes struck the outer edges of New York City on Saturday, hurling debris into the air and knocking out power but causing no serious injuries among startled residents accustomed to thinking of twisters as a Midwestern phenomenon. The first hit a beach-front neighborhood and the second, stronger tornado followed moments later about 10 miles away. Videos taken by bystanders showed a funnel cloud sucking up water, then sand, and then small pieces of buildings, as the first moved through the Breezy Point section of the Rockaway peninsula in Queens.

## ACROSS THE NATION

### Attorneys: Fort Hood suspect offered guilty plea

**FORT HOOD, Texas** (AP)—The Army psychiatrist charged in the 2009 Fort Hood massacre twice offered to plead guilty and “accept full responsibility” for the crime earlier this year, his lead defense attorney said Thursday. After the government turned him down in January, Maj. Nidal Hasan offered to plead guilty again last month without a deal—and also tried to challenge Army rules that prohibit a judge from accepting a guilty plea to murder in a death penalty case, said Lt. Col. Kris Poppe. The revelations came before the judge, Col. Gregory Gross, ruled Hasan must be clean-shaven or have his beard forcibly shaved before his murder trial, which is on hold again because

# Asia

## Suicide bomb kills 6 near NATO gate in Afghanistan

**KABUL, Afghanistan** (AP)—

A suicide bomber struck at the heart of NATO’s operation in Kabul on Saturday, killing at least six Afghan civilians in an attack that officials blamed on the Haqqani network—a militant group the U.S. has designated a terrorist organization.

The blast, which left a bloody stain on a sidewalk just outside the sprawling headquarters of the U.S.-led military coalition, came as a senior Haqqani commander interviewed by The Associated Press vowed revenge for Washington’s decision.

The Obama administration gave the Pakistan-based Haqqani network, which is linked to the Taliban, a terrorist label on Friday despite misgivings the move could further stall planned Afghan peace talks.

The commander said the Haqqani network’s military commander, Sirajuddin Haqqani, wants to carry out “80 to 100 attacks on U.S. forces in Afghanistan and 20 attacks on other

countries” in retaliation for the terrorist declaration.

No coalition casualties were reported in Saturday’s blast, German Brig. Gen. Gunter Katz, the NATO spokesman, said.

But the insurgents’ continued ability to strike so close to NATO headquarters has undermined coalition claims of improving security as foreign troops withdraw and hand over security responsibilities to Afghan forces across the country by the end of 2014.

The heavily fortified Afghan capital has experienced a series of attacks that are particularly valuable because they score propaganda points for the insurgents by throwing doubt on the government’s ability to provide security even in its own seat of power.

The bomber, who Kabul police estimated to be about 14 years old, struck just before noon on a street that connects the alliance headquarters to the nearby U.S. and Italian embassies, a large U.S. military

base and the Afghan Defense Ministry.

He detonated his explosives while walking down the street, according to Kabul police. The Ministry of Interior said some of the victims were street children.

The blast occurred just a few hours after hundreds of Afghans and officials had gathered a few hundred meters (yards) away to lay wreaths at a statue to commemorate the 11th anniversary of the death of Ahmad Shah Massoud.

The charismatic Northern Alliance commander was killed in an al-Qaida suicide bombing two days before the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks in the U.S. The alliance joined with the United States to help rout the Taliban after America invaded Afghanistan a month later.

Interior Ministry spokesman Sediq Sediqi blamed Saturday’s attack on the Haqqani network, one of the most dangerous militant groups fighting international troops in Afghanistan.

## HK drops plans for Chinese patriotism classes

**HONG KONG** (AP)—Hong Kong officials backed down

Saturday on plans to make students take Chinese patriotism classes following a week of protests in the former British colony sparked by fears of pro-Beijing “brainwashing.”

The semiautonomous Chinese city’s leader, Leung Chun-ying, said it would be up to schools to decide whether to hold the classes. They were to have become a mandatory subject in 2015 after a three-year voluntary period.

Public anger over the classes has been growing for months. Many feared they were a ploy by Beijing authorities to indoctrinate the city’s young into unquestioning support of China’s Communist Party, though

Leung and other senior officials denied it.

China regained control of Hong Kong from Britain in 1997 after more than a century of colonial rule, but the city has been allowed to retain a high degree of autonomy, a separate legal system and civil liberties not seen in mainland China, such as freedom of speech.

Leung’s retreat follows a week of protests by thousands in front of government headquarters coinciding with the start of a new school year. Organizers said 120,000 took part on Friday evening, though police put the number at 36,000, local news reports said.

The decision comes a day before elections for the city’s

### ASIAN BRIEFS

#### Philippines’ Aquino, China’s Hu to meet at APEC

**MANILA, Philippines** (AP)—The Philippines’ top diplomat says President Benigno Aquino III

and his Chinese counterpart will hold talks on the sidelines of an Asia-Pacific summit in Russia that could cover their countries’ territorial disputes. Foreign Secretary Albert del Rosario said in Vladivostok, Russia, on Saturday that the time and date of Aquino’s meeting with President Hu Jintao had not been finalized. The two leaders are attending the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation summit. Philippine and Chinese ships were locked in a standoff for about three months at a shoal in the South China Sea after Philippine authorities accused Chinese fishermen for alleged poaching. Both countries claim the rich fishing grounds.

#### Thousands protest in Japan against Osprey aircraft

**TOKYO** (AP)—Thousands of people have rallied against U.S. plans to deploy Osprey aircraft on a southern Japanese island amid renewed safety concerns. The protesters gathered Sunday at a

seaside park on Okinawa to demand that the plan to deploy 12 MV-22 Osprey hybrid aircraft on the island be scrapped, saying they are unsafe. The U.S. plans to deploy the Osprey, which takes off like a helicopter and flies like an airplane, to replace older CH-46 helicopters that are already there. Safety concerns boiled over after Osprey crashes in Morocco and Florida earlier this year. An incident in North Carolina last week that officials called a “precautionary landing” aggravated the sentiment.

#### 10 killed as bus veers off mountain road in Nepal

**KATMANDU, Nepal** (AP)—Police in Nepal say a bus drove off a rural highway in the nation’s mountainous west, killing at least 10 people and injuring 25 others. Police official Bishnu Khanal says the bus was heading to the capital, Katmandu, on Sunday morning when it veered off the mountain road near Hardi village. The village is 200 kilometers (125 miles) west of Katmandu. The 25 injured people were taken to various hospitals in the area for treatment. Police are investigating the cause of the accident.

# World

## Twins born in Turkey, returned to Syrian border

**BAB AL-SALAMEH, Syria** (AP)—Pregnant with twins, Fatima Abdallah survived shelling, hid under relatives' beds and went without food during a treacherous week-long trip across the Syrian border.

Safely in a Turkish hospital, she gave birth to a healthy boy and a girl. But after just two nights, she was sent right back, the victim of the overwhelmed country's ban of new refugee arrivals until more camps can be built.

Abdallah, 29, brushed away the flies in a cramped, 10-foot concrete shed near the border crossing, where at least 5,000 other refugees waited to cross into a safer haven from Syria's 18 months of violence. She held her 4-day-old son, Ahmed, as he furiously sucked away on his pacifier, while her daughter Bayan slept, eyes tightly closed, in pink and blue fuzzy blankets.

"I want a clean house," she said softly, gesturing at the mud-tracked concrete floor. "Just a safe home for them, it's just not clean here."

## Pacific Rim leaders seek to fortify food security

**VLADIVOSTOK, Russia** (AP)—Asia-Pacific leaders focused their attention on rising concern over food security on Sunday, as they prepared to wrap up their annual summit with an agreement to slash tariffs on trade in environmental goods and a call to keep markets open even in hard times.

Food security "is one of the most acute problems of our time," Russian President Vladimir Putin said in convening Sunday's second and final

"informal retreat" of the Asia-Pacific Economic Forum in this far eastern Russian seaport.

"Without ensuring food security, we cannot achieve our goal of enhancing the quality of life for our people," he said before the closed door session got under way.

The explicit focus on food security by the leaders of the 21-member APEC reflects abiding concern over the potential for food prices to surge to politically volatile levels.

### Nicaragua evacuates 3K as volcano spews ash

**MANAGUA, Nicaragua** (AP)—The San Cristobal volcano spewed out a column of ash and gas 2 1/2 miles high Saturday, leading Nicaraguan authorities to evacuate about 3,000 people from nine communities around the country's tallest mountain.

Residents reported hearing three powerful explosions in the volcano as the cloud began billowing skyward and ash drifted over nearby villages.

"This activity could affect some 500 families totaling 3,000 people, so we decided to evacuate them," said Guillermo Gonzalez, executive director of the government's disaster agency.

Civil defense personnel said

300 soldiers were sent to evacuate people and care for them.

Javier Mejia, director of Nicaragua's geological institute, said monitoring instruments showed "strong activity" in the volcano. "We do not rule out anything, but call for calm," he said.

The 1,740-meter (5,740-foot) volcano sits 140 kilometers (87 miles) northwest of Managua, the capital. It has been active since 1520, Mejia said.

Nicaragua has been on alert since a strong earthquake shook neighboring Costa Rica on Wednesday and then a swarm of 17 minor tremors were recorded in the area around Lake Managua next to the capital the following day.

Current prices are high, though they remained flat in August and are below the levels that triggered rioting and unrest in parts of the developing world in 2007-2008. Another food crisis, in 2010-2011, also caused hardships for poorer consumers, especially in countries heavily dependent on food imports.

Russia's decision to ban grain exports two years ago due to shortfalls caused by drought and fires was seen as contributing to a surge in global food prices, though Putin has said there will be no export curbs this year.

Revitalizing growth through more open trade is an urgent priority for the APEC forum, whose aim is to dismantle bar-

riers and bottlenecks that interfere with business, while nurturing closer economic ties.

In acting as host for Russia's first APEC summit, Putin has underscored his government's commitment to opening markets further, especially as a new member of the rules-setting World Trade Organization.

Asia remains the brightest spot in the global economy but is facing challenges, and trade is the solution, Putin told fellow leaders as they began their annual "informal retreat."

"The recovery of the global economy is faltering. We can only overcome negative trends by enhancing the volume of trade ... enhancing the flow of capital. It

is important to follow the fundamental principles of open markets and free trade," Putin said.

"The priority goal is to fight protectionism in all its forms," Putin said. "It is important to build bridges not walls."

Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton, who is representing the U.S. at the summit in President Barack Obama's absence, welcomed Russia's membership in the WTO, saying that America's exports to Russia could double or even triple as the country implements its commitments to open its markets further, while Russia itself could raise its GDP by about 11 percent in the long run, according to World Bank estimates.



### Commonwealth Utilities Corporation

#### JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

JVA No. 12-031

Opening Date: Wednesday, August 22, 2012  
Closing Date: Until Filled

#### Executive Director

**Duties:** The Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is a government utility providing power, water, and wastewater services in the Northern Mariana Islands, a U.S. commonwealth that is about a three (3) hour flight south of Tokyo and about a half hour flight north of the U.S. territory of Guam. Under the direct supervision of the Governor of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) OR his/her designee, the incumbent's duties and responsibilities are to: Supervise staff (including prioritizing and assigning work; conducting performance evaluations; ensuring staff are trained; and, making hiring, termination, and disciplinary decisions). Assumes full management responsibility of all CUC's divisions and services. Monitors and evaluates efficiency and effectiveness of service delivery methods and processes; assesses and monitors service delivery levels; identifies opportunities, weaknesses and strengths of divisions; directs the implementation of changes. Plans, directs and coordinates work of divisions through the upper management team by meeting with management to identify, prioritize and resolve problems. Manages the development and implementation of goals, objectives, missions, policies, priorities and allocations of resources. Participates on a variety of board and committees and attends a wide variety of management meetings. Performs short and long-range strategic planning. Performs other duties of a similar nature or level.

#### Minimum Requirements:

#### Required Training and Experience:

- Master's degree in management, engineering, finance, or public administration, OR, in the alternative, a bachelor's degree in engineering and registration as a Professional Engineer pursuant to the National Council of Engineering Examiners standards in the civil, mechanical, or electrical branch.
- Senior management experience of at least ten (10) years in a similar wastewater, drinking water, and/or power utility (preferably combined utility), with similar or greater capital and operating budgets, capital improvement projects, human resource needs, utility financing issues, operation and maintenance training and implementation needs.
- Proven management and communication skills; demonstrated ability to lead, motivate, and develop staff; experience with managing major drinking water and wastewater systems during periods of planning, design, and construction; and experience with drinking water and wastewater systems; user fee system development; bond funding; staff training and development; and federal drinking water and wastewater requirements.

#### Desired Knowledge and Skill:

- Leadership principles; supervisory principles; strategic planning principles; budgetary principles; CUC operations and systems; project management principles; applicable laws, rules and regulations.
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# Health & Fitness

## Plague, hantavirus, West Nile: How to avoid them

By MARILYNN MARCHIONE  
AP CHIEF MEDICAL WRITER

The "bugs" of late summer are biting. The nation is having its worst West Nile virus season in a decade, and up to 10,000 people who stayed in California cabins are at risk of hantavirus. A second case of bubonic plague in the West has been confirmed—in a girl in Colorado—and scientists fear that a bumper crop of ticks

could spread Lyme disease, the nation's most common bug-borne malady.

Yet the risk of getting these scary-sounding diseases is small. With the right precautions, you can still enjoy spending time outdoors. And that helps fight much more common threats to your health—obesity and too little exercise.

### HANTAVIRUS

**How it's spread:** Touching or breathing air particles of urine or droppings from certain types of mice or rats, especially



AP

Seven-year-old Sierra Jane Downing from Pagosa Springs, Colo., is pushed in a wheel chair by a nurse following a news conference about her recovery from Bubonic Plague at the Rocky Mountain Hospital for Children at Presbyterian/St. Luke's Wednesday, Sept. 5, 2012, in Denver.

deer mice.

**Symptoms:** Develop one to six weeks later and can include flulike symptoms that progress into a dry cough, headache, nausea and vomiting, then shortness of breath.

**Where it occurs:** Anywhere in the U.S.; recent cases were in Yosemite National Park in California.

**Prevention:** Keep rodents out of your home; carefully clean any nests with disinfectant or bleach and water.

can carry it.

**Symptoms:** Sudden fever, headache, chills, weakness and swollen lymph nodes.

**Where it occurs:** Only about half a dozen cases occur each year across the country, mostly in the Southwest.

**Prevention:** Avoid contact with rodents; limit brush, rock and wood piles and rodent breeding areas near the home.

### LYME DISEASE

**How it's spread:** Ticks.

**Symptoms:** Fever, headache, fatigue and a bulls-eye rash. Untreated, it can cause joint, heart and nervous system problems.

**Where it occurs:** Northeast and mid-Atlantic coastal states; North central states, mostly Wisconsin and Minnesota; the West Coast, especially northern California.

**Prevention:** Use bug repellents with 20 percent or more DEET; when in the woods, walk in the center of trails, avoiding brush; shower soon after coming inside and check your body, hair and clothes for ticks.

(Also helps prevent other tick-borne diseases such as ehrlichiosis, Rocky Mountain spotted fever, tularemia and babesiosis).

### WEST NILE

**How it's spread:** Mosquitoes

**Symptoms:** Most people have none; some develop flulike symptoms; a very small percentage get neurological symptoms.

**Where it occurs:** Nearly all states; this year, Texas has been hardest-hit.

**Prevention:** Eliminate standing water that can breed mosquitoes; use insect repellents containing DEET, picaridin, IR3535 or oil of lemon eucalyptus.

### BUBONIC PLAGUE

**How it's spread:** Contact with an infected flea, rodent or cat; prairie dogs in Colorado

### Outbreak

Hantavirus syndrome is a life threatening disease spread to humans by rodents that has symptoms similar to influenza.

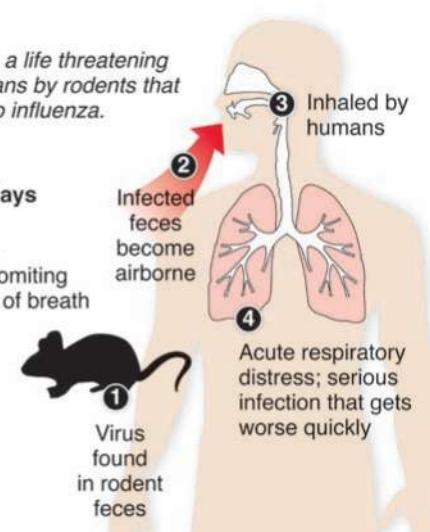
#### Symptoms

**Early**  
• Chills  
• Fever  
• Muscle aches

**Later, 1-2 days**  
• Dry cough  
• Headache  
• Nausea, vomiting  
• Shortness of breath

#### Stay clear

• Most prevalent in rural areas  
• Campers and hikers more likely to catch disease because tents rest on the ground  
• Cannot be spread between humans



Source: U.S. Centers for Disease and Control  
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## Noel Quichocho Taisacan

Born to Life: May 26, 1959  
Born to Eternal Life: September 5, 2012

### He now joins his:

**Father:** Felix M. Taisacan

**Mother:** Presentation Q. Taisacan

**Father-in-Law:** Dionicio M. Babauta

**Mother-in-Law:** Dolores D. Babauta

**Brothers:** Pablo Q. Taisacan, Mario Q. Taisacan,

Marcus Q. Taisacan, Jerome Q. Taisacan

**Sister:** Crispina T. Tenorio

**Brothers/Sisters-in Laws:** Jane R. Taisacan, Daniel D. Babauta, Jose A. Tenorio

### He will greatly be missed by:

**Wife:** Lydia Babauta Taisacan

**Children:** Lorraine Ly T. & Antonio A. Arriola (Anthony Noel)

Lyvonn Lynn B. Taisacan

Don Felix B. Taisacan

Andresina T. & John S. Dela Cruz

Josephine SN. Taisacan

Jacob Q. Taisacan

Zita T. & William Leon Guerrero

Rebecca T. & Burno Atalig

Diana F. Taisacan

### Brothers/Sisters-in Laws:

Remedios Q. Babauta

Merced B. & Juan Pangelinan

Edward & Thelma Babauta

Thomas & Sylvia Babauta

Robert & Kimiko Babauta

Carmen B. & Diego Camacho

George & Eunice Babauta

Sandra B. & Franklin Sablan

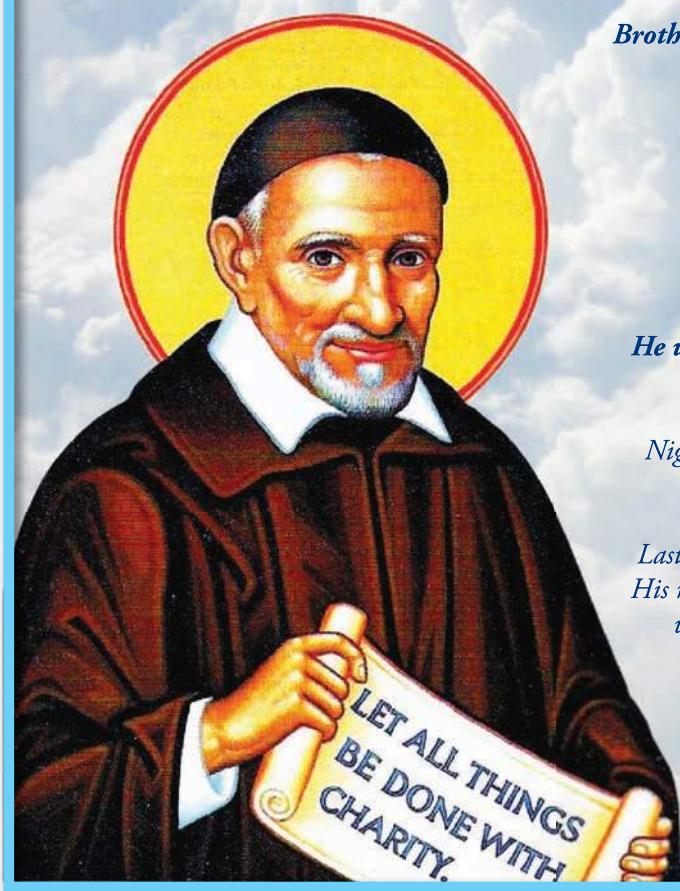
**He will also be missed by numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews, family, and friends.**

**Nightly mass is being said at 6:00 pm at San Vicente Church followed immediately by The Holy Rosary.**

**Last respects will take place on Thursday, September 13, 2012. His remains will leave Cabrera's Funeral Home at 7:30 am and will be taken to San Vicente Church for public viewing. Mass of Christian Burial will be said at 11:00 am.**

**Thank you - Si Yu'us Ma'ase**

**Lydia B. Taisacan  
Children & Family**



# Life & Style

## Ricki Lake brings updated talk show, life to TV

LYNN ELBER  
AP TELEVISION WRITER

**L**OS ANGELES (AP)—Ricki Lake was a babe in the talk show woods when her syndicated program launched nearly two decades ago.

Looking back at the 24-year-old actress she was then, Lake pronounces the 1993 career move “a little bit presumptuous,” although “Ricki Lake” quickly won over a young-adult audience that wanted a peppy take on life and love from someone like them.

“I didn’t know what I was signing up for. I didn’t know how to host a show. I didn’t know who I was or have a point of view. I basically was grateful to have the job,” recalls Lake. “I thought, ‘Great, I can pay my rent for six months.’”

Lake, who turns 44 this month, has been changed by marriage, children, divorce and remarriage. So have her ambitions for her return to the daytime arena with “The Ricki Lake Show,” debuting Monday (check local listings).

“I have a specific point of view and a vision and a sense of who I am at this point in my life,” she said. “Not that I have it all figured out, but growth comes with age and life experience.”

How does she envision her-

self as a grown-up host? Like Oprah Winfrey, whose departure from daily syndication created the opening for Lake and a clutch of others with new daytime shows, including Katie Couric, Steve Harvey and Steve Probst.

It’s a specific version of Oprah that Lake has in mind, one circa the midpoint of Winfrey’s long talk-show career and “before she became a billionaire.”

Lake, who has gained experience without losing her exuberance, launches into a rapid-fire description to illustrate.

“When she was in the audience, running around, had her arm around an audience member, you felt she understood you, related to you, wasn’t on any higher level than you,” Lake said. “And you felt like your voice was heard. That’s the show I’m looking to do.”

What’s on the agenda? According to a release, the first week’s topics include weight loss and body image; a look at the “complicated world of hormones”; mastering social media; the lives of female veterans and “virginity 2.0,” an exploration of sexuality.

Expect fun and spontaneity but also seriousness of purpose, Lake said: Despite resistance from studio executives, she insisted on a show examining the issue of suicide. Her guests include dancer Mark Ballas,



AP This Wed., July 25, 2012 photo released by 20th Television shows host Ricki Lake during the first day of taping for her new daytime talk show, “The Ricki Lake Show,” in Los Angeles.

who became a friend when he and Lake competed on “Dancing with the Stars” and who lost a relative to suicide. There’s also a young survivor whose story Lake calls compelling and hopeful.

“This is why I’m coming back

to daytime. I have no doubt that the show will help people,” she said. “I’m not gonna do cheating baby daddies anymore, but we’ll do surviving infidelity, an hour where we talk about real tools people can use.”

Lake, who says she’s been

an open book since she started her career as an 18-year-old in John Waters’ film “Hairspray,” said she’ll be candid on the show because “I don’t know how else to be.”

“I certainly say too much at times, and my husband cringes when I talk about our sex life or whatever,” she said. “But I feel there’s a certain responsibility I have with my audience. If they’re going to be forthcoming with me about their personal lives, then I have to be at least somewhat forthcoming about mine.”

Lake’s show has a good shot at working, one expert said, in part because it’s well-positioned on most TV stations, including in some larger markets where it airs on CW affiliates that drew a significant female audience.

Twentieth Television also has been smart in marketing the show, said Bill Carroll, a syndication expert with media-buyer Katz Media.

“They’ve done really good work in social media to remind those who watched her when they were younger that she’s back and she’s one of them,” he said.

Lake is proud of the online outreach that, starting last March, put a monthly “The Ricki Lake Show” planning session live on Facebook to allow potential viewers to peek at the show’s development and

weigh in.

There’s also “Friends of Ricki,” a Facebook page aimed at connecting Lake and her producers with followers and experts on various topics, and a free magazine app for Apple’s iPad and for Android devices.

Lake said she realized the Internet’s reach when “Your Best Birth,” the 2009 book about birth options she co-wrote, received a huge boost from bloggers.

“I don’t want to redo something I’ve already done, I want a new challenge, and social media didn’t exist” when the first show aired, she said. “It’s a whole new way of booking guests, a whole new way of finding out what the audience wants to see.”

Then she pulls back, adding some perspective: “It’s not reinventing the wheel. Let’s be clear: It’s a talk show. But it’s certainly exciting for me.”

As for the competition, including the heavily promoted Couric, Lake says she’s unconcerned and notes that “Ricki Lake” lasted 11 years while dozens of other talk shows came and went (and even as she continued acting on TV shows and in big-screen films including “Cry-Baby” and “Mrs. Winterbourne.”)

“I’m focusing on the show I’m doing,” she said, without a hint of underage angst.

trash cans and whether handbillers are impeding pedestrian flow in some areas.

“People are having to wade their way through some of that stuff,” Clark County Manager Don Burnette said.

To Lichtenstein, how police will enforce a law that requires handbillers to clean up their area no less than every 15 minutes is an obvious problem.

“I’m not sure the police even understand what they’re supposed to be enforcing,” he said. “Depending on what happens, we may be back in court again.”

Police Capt. Todd Fasulo said the law is straightforward and, as with any crime, enforcement will be a matter of police priorities.

At least one visitor was more concerned about the use of so much paper than the sultry images being thrust at her husband.

“It’s a waste of trees,” said John Marquez’s wife, Kaye. “There’s got to be a better way to do advertising.”

Or how about recycling? Last time they were in Vegas, they collected dozens of exotic dancer cards and stuffed them into birthday gift bags for friends back home.

“They thought it was hilarious,” she said.

## Las Vegas tries to clean up X-rated litter

**L**AS VEGAS (AP)—Some tourists try to dissuade them by directing icy glares their way. Others stare, zombie-like, into the Las Vegas Strip’s ubiquitous video screens and light displays in an effort to ignore the pushy handbill distributors.

But some tourists accept the pamphlets and glossy cards that advertise all-but-nude exotic dancers. Then, more often than not, they toss the material in the trash. Or if a trash can isn’t nearby, onto the sidewalk—creating an endless X-rated litter problem that Las Vegas officials are now trying to clean up.

A new ordinance requires handbillers to pick up litter within a 25-foot radius on the sidewalk. But there’s a hitch: The law might run afoul of the First Amendment.

“If someone takes some material, regardless of what it is, and then walks down the street and decides to drop it, that’s the person who is littering. That’s the person that is responsible, not the person who gave it to them originally,” said Allen Lichtenstein, general counsel for the Nevada American Civil Liberties Union.

Las Vegas police aren’t enforcing the ordinance yet. The ACLU has been meeting regularly with the exotic dancer businesses and police to talk about how that will happen, as well as encourage handbillers to help keep the Strip clean. The group has not yet challenged the law in court.

Meanwhile, handbillers—they’re also called “card-slappers” for the noise they make to get people’s attention—are as in-your-face as ever. “They’re totally annoying,” John Marquez, of Winnipeg, Manitoba, said on a recent evening. “I pretty much take them and toss them in the first garbage can I see.”

One card he’d just grabbed near the Monte Carlo advertised a nearly nude woman named “Gisele” and a “\$35 Special” but offered no other details on what the deal involved.

The legions of handbillers on the Strip on any given day include about 25 who work the Strip for Hillsboro Entertainment. They hand out some 50,000 handbills a week, according to the company’s owner, Vincent Bartello.

Sure, he could probably get

the law overturned, he said. He doesn’t want to.

“We’re not actually littering. It’s the tourists, the people who come here. But if it wasn’t for them, we wouldn’t be here. And I want to be able to make something better for them,” Bartello said.

Hillsboro Entertainment always has picked up after itself, he added. And his dancers absolutely are not prostitutes. “We do not condone that. We send out dancers, entertainers, to entertain for customers that call,” he said.

Prostitution is legal in most of rural Nevada but illegal in metropolitan areas like Las Vegas and Reno. Still, the sex trade flourishes in Sin City.

Las Vegas tried directly to prohibit handbilling in 1997. The ACLU intervened in court and won. Subsequent court rulings have established that sidewalks along the Strip are public thoroughfares where the First Amendment protects freedom of speech, Lichtenstein said.

Lately, rather than keep going after the handbillers, Clark County has been focused on a clean-up-the-Strip effort that also will examine where to put



AP An unidentified man on a Las Vegas Strip sidewalk hands out cards advertising exotic dancers on Wednesday, Aug. 29, 2012. Las Vegas officials have passed a litter ordinance requiring such “handbillers” to pick up after tourists who drop the materials.

# Ex-Beatle McCartney gets French legion of honor

PARIS (AP)—France's Elysee Palace says former Beatle Paul McCartney has been decorated with the legion of honor for services to music.

On Saturday the presidential office said that seventy-year-old McCartney—who sang and co-wrote hits like "Hey Jude" and "Yesterday"—was decorated at the rank of officer by French President Francois Hollande at the Elysee Palace, with members of McCartney's family attending.

McCartney joins the ranks of other singers to have received the honor. Barbra Streisand and Liza Minnelli were similarly honored by former President Nicolas Sarkozy.

McCartney—often referred to as "Sir Paul" or "Macca" in his native Britain—has already received a knighthood from Queen Elizabeth II, who watched him perform at the opening ceremony of the 2012 Olympic Games in London.



French President Francois Hollande, left, awards British musician Paul McCartney during a decoration ceremony photo session at the Elysee Palace in Paris, Saturday, Sept. 8, 2012.

## Wife jilted in Kristen Stewart saga hits runway

NEW YORK (AP)—While Kristen Stewart promoted a new film in Toronto, her one-time romantic rival took to the runway.

Liberty Ross, the wife of "Snow White and the Huntsman" director Rupert Sanders, walked the catwalk during the Alexander Wang show on Saturday at New York Fashion Week wearing a white windbreaker with a pencil skirt.

Stewart and Sanders issued public apologies following tabloid reports they had a brief affair while Stewart was dating her "Twilight" co-star Robert Pattinson.

Ross, 33, has mostly retired from modeling and most recently appeared in "Snow White and the Huntsman" as Stewart's mother.

Stewart appeared in public for the first time since the scandal broke on Thursday for the premiere of "On the Road" at the Toronto International Film Festival. Hundreds of "Twilight" fans came out to show support for the 22-year-old actress.

Meanwhile, Alexander Wang's show is one of the hottest tickets at fashion week and he's made a splash before using models who aren't regular runway walkers. Last season it was Gisele Bundchen, Shalom Harlow and Karolina Kurkova. On Saturday, runway graduate Erin Wasson also returned to his catwalk.



Liberty Ross models during the Alexander Wang Spring 2013 collection, during Fashion Week in New York, Saturday, Sept. 8, 2012.

## Man with scissors arrested at Miley Cyrus' house



LOS ANGELES (AP) — A man allegedly clutching a pair of scissors was arrested after police say he tried to force himself inside the Los Angeles home of Miley Cyrus.

Los Angeles police Lt. Brian Wendling says that employees inside the house in the Studio City area called police around 4 a.m. Saturday after the man came to the door and claimed to be a friend of the 19-year-old

singer-actress.

Wendling says the suspect then repeatedly threw himself against an outside wall as if he was trying to break into the house. Cyrus was not home at the time.

The man, who was not identified, was arrested after officers saw him jump behind some bushes. He was carrying a pair of scissors.

Wendling says charges have not yet been filed.

This Sept. 6, 2012 file photo shows singer-actress Miley Cyrus attending the MTV Video Music Awards in Los Angeles.

grandparents fought for.

### Tyra Banks to host 'Flawsome Ball' for girls club

NEW YORK (AP)—Tyra Banks will host a gala dubbed the "Flawsome Ball" to benefit a New York City girls club. The former model and talk-show host was to announce the event Thursday. Drake will perform at the ball, which is to benefit the Tyra Banks Tzone at the Lower East

side Girls Club. Banks formed Tzone in 1999 as a weeklong camp for girls, but the organization is now making a permanent, physical home at the New York girls club. The Flawsome Ball takes its name from a word coined by Banks that combines "flaws" and "awesome" to celebrate individuality. It will be held Oct. 18. The 38-year-old Banks is host and executive producer of the CW series "America's Next Top Model."

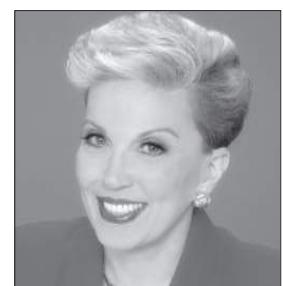
## ENTERTAINMENT TIDBITS

### Scarlett Johansson urges young to get involved

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP)—Actress Scarlett Johansson is urging young people to make their voices heard by casting ballots in the 2012 election. The star of "The Avengers" tells the Democratic National Convention that less than half of all eligible voters between 18 and 24 voted in the presidential election four years ago. The 27-year-old Johansson

## Angry teens turn down mom's proposed stepdad

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN  
UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE



**DEAR ABBY:** I am a widow with four teenagers. My husband died four years ago, and I have been seeing "Ken"—a wonderful man—for 18 months. He is four years older than I am, has never been married and has no kids. He had very little contact with mine until I was sure the relationship was serious.

Ken has proposed and we have set a date for a year from now, but my children are extremely unhappy. They say they don't know him and aren't comfortable around him. Ken is quiet and shy, the opposite of me. We have big decisions to make regarding homes and employment over the next few months.

I realize that life is precious. I'm happy with my decision to marry, but the kids are trying to make me feel guilty and make no attempt to get to know Ken. When he comes over, they barely say hello. They say they hate me, and once they leave for college they'll never return. I know they miss their dad, but how can I get them to see it's OK for me to move on? How can I foster a relationship between them and their future stepdad, help them to move on and accept my happiness?

The kids and I have gone to counseling and were discharged after progress was made, but things have slipped back since I started dating. They refuse to return to counseling. Please help.

NEW HAMPSHIRE WIDOW

**DEAR WIDOW:** You are the mother of four immature teenagers who are afraid of change and view your fiance as a threat. In a few years all of them will be away at college and, I hope, will have matured enough that they no longer feel the need to "punish" you for not remaining a grieving widow for eternity.

It would be helpful if Ken had a more outgoing personality and could relate to your children. If he's willing, some counseling for the two of you might help so he can learn and you can get some tips. The bottom line, however, is that you are the parent in that household. Your children do not have to "love" Ken, but they DO have to treat him with respect and consideration. If love grows from that—terrific. If not, so be it.

**DEAR ABBY:** I have taught English at the junior and senior high school level for 19 years. As I grow older, I find it more and more difficult to be a good disciplinarian, and I'm afraid that I am shortchanging my students. I no longer have the motivation to be a good teacher.

I would go back to school to do something else, even though I am 45, but my husband has recently been placed on disability. Any suggestions for how the "old gray teacher" can evolve into something else? I have tried employment agencies in the area where I live, but they have not been much help.

THE WORST TEACHER IN LOUISIANA

**DEAR TEACHER:** You may be suffering from burnout or from a mild depression. If you haven't already done so, discuss your feelings with the head of the English Department or your principal. With your husband not working, your stress level must be high, and it could have a lot to do with the way you feel. Some sessions with a counselor might help you find yourself again. And while you're at it, inquire about career counseling at either a local college or your alma mater.

**DEAR ABBY:** Would you please settle a dispute in my family? I am a stay-at-home wife and mother of two boys. I do everyone's dirty laundry. When someone leaves something in the pockets of clothes (like wallets, papers, etc.), who do you think should be responsible for removing said articles—the person placing the clothes in the hamper or the person doing the wash?

LAUNDRESS IN SPRINGTOWN, TEXAS

### DEAR LAUNDRESS: Both!

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# Pastimes

## Calvin and Hobbes



By Bill Waterson



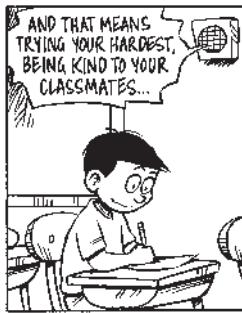
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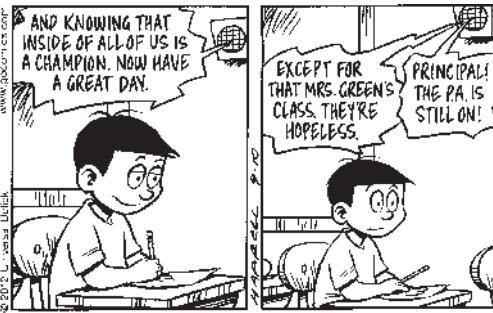
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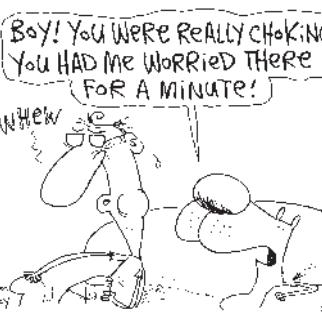
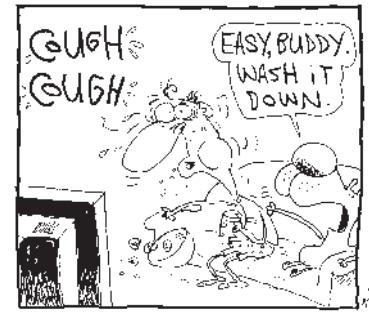
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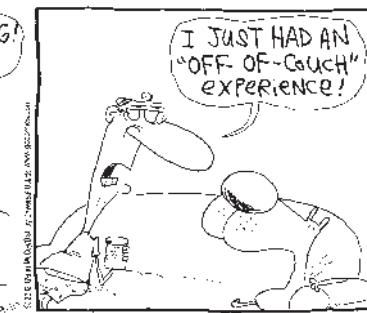
By Bryan Basset



## The Duplex



By Glenn McCoy



## CROSSWORD

By Eugene Sheffer

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Solution time: 24 mins.



Saturday's answer 9-10

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Ryan Phillippe, 38; Colin Firth, 52; Amy Irving, 59; Joe Perry, 62.

**Happy Birthday:** Don't make impulsive moves, especially when it comes to financial matters or contracts. Look at what's going on around you and observe the different scenarios you face. A thought-out, conservative move will enable you to get past any unsavory situation and reach a destination that is not only satisfactory, but also quite successful. Your numbers are 4, 15, 17, 27, 33, 38, 44.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19): Do the things that help you feel good about you and your surroundings. Love can conquer all. Put greater effort into your relationships with people who share your interests. Hard work will bring about physical changes that ease your stress. ☀☀☀

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20): Take a chance and try something different. Mix things up a bit and you'll find new ways to accomplish old goals. Adopt change, but don't force your ways on others. ☀☀☀

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20): Don't give in to restrictions. Regulate your time wisely, enjoy friends and take care of your obligations. Romance is in the stars, and networking will bring you in touch with someone who helps you revise your personal goals. ☀☀☀

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22): An emotional moment will bring clarity to a situation you face. Size up what's going on and make the necessary changes. You may not like to alter your life, but putting up with an

satisfactory condition won't help you move forward. ☀☀☀

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22): Don't get angry, get moving. Rely on past experience and knowledge you acquire about others, and you will find a way to get what you want. Covert actions will help you win in the end. Love is on the rise. ☀☀☀

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You have the wherewithal to make a difference. Add to your popularity by jumping in and helping a friend in need. Being positive and a great role model will result in opportunities that will set you up for a better future. ☀☀☀

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Not everyone will agree with you. Attending an activity, event or gathering that you feel will enhance your chance to experience something worthwhile or allow you to meet someone who has the potential to change your life must be your priority. ☀☀

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Choose whom you spend your time with. Poor influences will result in mishaps. Spend time taking care of your needs or pursuing your creative interests. Avoid anyone who is unpredictable or that you cannot count on to help you. ☀☀☀

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## SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku

By Dave Green

5	1	6	2	9	4				
7	5	4	1						
4					8				
9	7					5	1		
5	2					6	4		
1						2			
2	7	9	6						
9	8	2	1	3	7				

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

Last Friday's SUDOKU Answer

1	5	3	2	9	7	6	8	4
9	7	4	3	6	8	1	5	2
8	2	6	5	4	1	7	3	9
6	8	2	1	5	9	4	7	3
7	3	1	4	2	6	8	9	5
5	4	9	8	7	3	2	6	1
3	1	7	9	8	4	5	2	6
4	6	5	7	3	2	9	1	8
2	9	8	6	1	5	3	4	7

Difficulty Level: \*\*\*\*

9/10

## WONDERWORD

By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally, even backward. Find them and CIRCLE THEIR LETTERS ONLY. DO NOT CIRCLE THE WORD. The leftover letters spell the Wonderword.

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Solution: 10 letters

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C	I	G	E	E	K	U	U	A	T	R	T	L
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# Murray advances to finals, waits for foe



**N E W  
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(AP)—With

a potentially dangerous storm bearing down on the U.S. Open, play was suspended in the first set of defending champion Novak Djokovic's semifinal Saturday, making this the fifth consecutive year the tournament will fail to finish on time because of the weather.

Djokovic was trailing fourth-seeded David Ferrer 5-2 after about a half-hour of action when tournament referee Brian Earley came out on court and told the players and the chair umpire that they needed to stop.

As some spectators at Arthur Ashe Stadium booed or whistled, an announcement over the loudspeakers said: "At this time, we ask you to please make your way out of the stadium in an orderly fashion."

That match, which will determine who faces Olympic champion Andy Murray in the final, was scheduled to resume Sunday at 11 a.m. EDT. The men's final was shifted from its originally scheduled Sunday slot to Monday - something that has happened at every U.S. Open since 2008.

"I would say we're getting very tired of having Monday finals," tournament director David Brewer said.

Unlike at Wimbledon and the Australian Open, the U.S. Open does not have a roof to protect any court used for tournament matches. It's also the only Grand Slam tournament that schedules two men's semifinals on Saturday, which leaves less room for scheduling flexibility when there is disruptive weather.

Next year, for the first time, a day off will be inserted between the semifinals and final, either by shifting the semis to Friday or by changing the title match to Monday.

Brewer said he did consider moving the Ferrer-Djokovic match to another court and playing it at the same time as Murray-Berdych, but "we thought the only way to go was to keep them back-to-back" in Ashe out of deference to ticket-holders, TV partners and viewers around the world.

There was a rain delay of more than an hour Saturday morning, delaying the start of Murray's 5-7, 6-2, 6-1, 7-6 (7) victory over Tomas Berdych of the Czech Republic in the opening semifinal. At least they got to finish, even if it meant dealing with 20 mph wind that blew a changeover chair onto the court on one point and yanked Murray's hat off during another.

"I'm surprised it didn't happen more," Murray said. "It was so, so windy."

In the end, he navigated his way into his fifth Grand Slam final.

Now he'll try to win his first Grand Slam title—and first for



Britain's Andy Murray returns a shot to Czech Republic's Tomas Berdych during a semifinal match at the 2012 US Open tennis tournament, Saturday, Sept. 8, 2012, in New York.

any British man in 76 years.

"It was brutal," Murray said about the conditions during his 3-hour, 58-minute victory. "Hard to describe. You had to focus for every single point. ... Some of the hardest conditions I've ever played in, for sure, and I come from Scotland, so that's saying something."

This major tournament is the first since the 2004 French Open with neither Roger Federer nor Rafael Nadal in the semifinals. Federer was beaten by Berdych in the quarterfinals, while Nadal did not enter the field, sidelined by a partially torn tendon in his left knee.

Federer, Nadal and Djokovic have combined to win 29 of the

last 30 major titles, a stretch that began at the 2005 French Open.

The third-seeded Murray will get yet another chance to put his name on that list. The last major singles trophies for a British man were won by Fred Perry at Wimbledon and the U.S. Championships in 1936.

Murray also played in the 2008 final at the U.S. Open, losing to Federer.

"I'm obviously a lot more mature," Murray said at a news conference interrupted by appearances from actor Sean Connery and Manchester United manager Alex Ferguson, who also are Scottish. "I have had a lot more experience in these sort of situations than obviously

then. It was my first Slam final."

Murray is playing confidently after beating Federer to win a gold medal for Britain at the London Games in August, about a month after losing to Federer in the Wimbledon final.

He also appeared in the final at the Australian Open in 2010 and 2011, settling for runner-up status each time. Only one other man in tennis history was defeated in his first four major finals - Ivan Lendl, who just so happens to be Murray's coach and was on hand Saturday.

While eliminating Federer on Wednesday, 2010 Wimbledon runner-up Berdych pounded his flat forehands right where he wanted them and made a total

of 21 unforced errors in four sets. Bothered by the swirling air Saturday, the sixth-seeded Berdych nearly eclipsed that in the opening set alone, with 19, and finished with 64 unforced errors. Murray only made 20.

"I don't see any reason that my game would just crash" other than the tough-to-handle wind, Berdych said. "It was something (that) really (affected) my game. But that's how it is."

Berdych wondered aloud whether there should be a rule in place to prevent matches from being played when the wind is as much of a factor as it was Saturday.

As Murray hit a serve to start

## Weather pushes back Serena vs Azarenka finals

**NEW YORK** (AP)—Among the many lessons Serena Williams has learned in the 13 years since she played her first Grand Slam final is that routine is overrated.

A perfect attitude to bring into the U.S. Open final, where the only consistent thing over the past five years has been that very little goes according to schedule.

This year, the women's final between Williams and Victoria Azarenka was pushed back a day because of a strong storm bearing down on New York. It marks the fourth time in the last five years the women's final, normally scheduled for Saturday, will be played on Sunday instead. The men's final, meanwhile, was also pushed back a day and will close on Monday for the fifth straight year.

None of which bothers Williams, who has been in the

mix for three of those delayed women's finals, and said she's become much better at going with the flow over the years.

"I have really gotten out of being so into routines because it can really drive someone bananas," Williams said. "I've been on the verge of going bananas because I have to have this, this, this. It wasn't helping me win. It wasn't helping me lose. It has nothing to do with that. I have kind of chilled off on that."

Whatever she's doing is working. The 30-year-old, 14-time Grand Slam titlist is in the middle of a summer that will certainly stand out, even by her standards:

■ Winner at Wimbledon and the London Olympics in both singles and doubles.

■ Finalist at the U.S. Open, losing only 19 games and not a

single set along the way.

■ A win away from capturing her fourth U.S. Open crown and becoming the first 30-something woman to win it all at Flushing Meadows since Martina Navratilova in 1987.

"It will be up there," Williams said. "Because if you win the Olympics and Wimbledon and this, it would be kind of cool."

Also enjoying a pretty cool year is Azarenka, who opened 2012 with the Australian Open title, vaulted to No. 1 in the rankings the next week and will stay there regardless of who wins Sunday. Williams said she comes into the match with nothing to lose because she's playing the best player on tour this year.

"I always believe that I'm the best, obviously," Williams said. "But I mean, on paper, I think she's been more consistent."

The rankings say that's true, but they only tell so much, especially over the past two weeks in Queens. While Williams has steamrolled through this tournament, Azarenka has faced a couple of difficult challenges.

To get to the final, she needed back-to-back three-set wins over defending champion Sam Stosur and French Open titlist Maria Sharapova. Those two matches took a combined 5 hours, 5 minutes—only 92 minutes less than Williams has been on the court over the entire tournament.

Azarenka is 1-9 lifetime against Williams, with her only victory coming more than three years ago in Miami. More recently, she lost 6-3, 7-6 (6) in the Wimbledon semifinals, then 6-1, 6-2 in the semifinals at the Olympics.

the second set's last game, his changeover chair was blown over by a gust and, like tumbleweed, rolled onto the blue court, spilling all sorts of other items, too—racket bag, white towel, etc.

A let was called, canceling the point, and both players smiled at the chaos. Murray held there to even the match at a set apiece.

Another strong burst knocked the 6-foot-5 Berdych off-balance as he was about to serve to begin the third, and he wound up getting broken at love.

Berdych repeatedly found simply launching a ball overhead for his service toss problematic, often letting it drop to the court without taking a swing. When he did actually serve, there still were plenty of issues, including six double-faults.

"There is not a player who likes these conditions, but there are some players that these kind of conditions can suit to their game a bit better than the other ones," Berdych said. "That's the difference. ... Andy was better in this part definitely, and that's why he actually took the win."

With Murray facing a break point in the fourth game, he raced forward and a combination of his momentum and the wind pulled his white baseball cap off as he made contact with the ball. At the other end, Berdych failed to get to Murray's response, and chair umpire Pascal Maria initially awarded the point to Murray, making the score deuce.

But Berdych argued he was distracted by the hat. Murray approached and asked Berdych whether he was certain the hat affected the point.

"I'm just asking if you're 100 percent sure," Murray repeated.

That show of sportsmanship led to Maria's ruling that the point should be replayed. Murray tried to chip a lob that landed long, and Berdych got the point—and the break.

Murray hit a ball in anger, grabbed the troublesome hat and walked to dump it on the sideline, muttering "nonsense, nonsense, nonsense." He looked or sounded disgruntled at other times, including when he tugged the two legs of his dark shorts up to his waist.

Ballkids scurried to collect items tossed about by the air, from paper napkins to plastic bags and various other debris. And through it all, both players were forced to adjust to swerving shots made tricky by the wind, recalibrating at the last possible second. Murray, certainly, was more capable of doing just that, and he used all sorts of slices and spins, dinks and dunks, to frustrate Berdych.

"You have to get yourself in the right position for every shot," Murray said. "The ball sometimes stops moving and goes the other way."

# Mickelson surges into share of lead with Singh

**BMW Championship**



**CARMEL, Ind. (AP)**—The best in golf returned to Indiana for the first time in more than 20 years, and based on the All-Star performance that broke out Saturday in the BMW Championship, this show might leave these golf-hungry fans even more mesmerized.

The last big event at Crooked Stick was the 1991 PGA Championship featuring an unknown rookie named John Daly who turned it into a one-man show of power golf.

There are no mystery guests this time.

Not with Phil Mickelson making 10 birdies, including a 6-iron on the par-3 17th that he described as a "salty little cut, back into the wind." He had a 64 and wound up tied for the lead with Vijay Singh, who has taken only 74 putts through three rounds, but had a three-putt on the 18th hole that gave him a 69 and cost him the outright lead.

Mickelson and Singh, both in the World Golf Hall of Fame, were at 16-under 200.

Right behind them were two-time major Rory McIlroy and former world No. 1 Lee Westwood, followed by the likes of Adam Scott and Dustin Johnson. And only three shots behind was Tiger Woods, who keeps getting the most out of a scrappy game and is very much in the mix going into Sunday.

"The cream has risen to the top, hasn't it?" Westwood said.

This follows the Deutsche Bank Championship in which McIlroy held off Louis Oosthuizen, Woods, Mickelson and Johnson. The opening week at The Barclays featured Nick Watney beating Ryder Cup pick Brandt Snedeker, Johnson and Sergio Garcia.

And now this—perhaps the strongest leaderboard in golf all year going into the final round.

How strong?

The 16 players separated by five shots have won 29 majors and 21 World Golf Championships, and four of them have been No. 1 in the world over the last decade.

"The crowd is pretty rowdy, and it's an incredible leaderboard," Scott said. "It's going to be fun. I'm glad I put myself in that position."

Singh was the dominant figure throughout the day. The 49-year-old Fijian hasn't won on the PGA Tour in four years, and he was desperate to show that he could put four good rounds together and end that drought. He made enough birdies to offset a few silly mistakes - mostly short putts that he missed - and he held it together until the end. Singh was in trouble on the par-5 15th until he chipped in for birdie from 50 feet.

He followed that by missing a 4-foot par putt, only to answer with an 18-foot birdie putt on



Phil Mickelson, right, listens to Jim Macky during the third round of the BMW Championship PGA golf tournament at Crooked Stick Golf Club in Carmel, Ind., Saturday, Sept. 8, 2012. AP

and missed it coming back.

"I've one more to do," Singh said. "I've got to play a little better than what I did today. I've got to make less mistakes than I

did today. I think I can do that."

Mickelson had his best score since he closed with a 64 to win at Pebble Beach in a final-round pairing with Woods. He

has gone quiet since the Masters, however, but a change to a claw-style putting grip has coincided with improved play. Lefty felt his game turning around last

## Orioles tie Yankees anew for AL East lead



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(AP)—The

Orioles continued their long-ball onslaught against the Yankees, hitting three home runs off CC Sabathia in a 5-4 victory Saturday night that moved Baltimore back into a tie atop the AL East with New York.

Mark Reynolds, Lew Ford and J.J. Hardy homered for the Orioles, who have won 11 of 15 overall and nine of the last 13 against the Yankees. With a victory Sunday, Baltimore will win the season series (10-8) for the first time since 1997.

Trying to secure a victory for Joe Saunders (2-1), Baltimore closer Jim Johnson entered with a 5-3 lead in the ninth. He promptly gave up three straight singles, the last a bunt by Derek Jeter, to load the bases with no outs.

Nick Swisher drove in a run with a forceout before Mark Teixeira hit into a game-ending double play.

The Yankees were angry over the way the game ended. Teixeira, in his return from a strained left calf, was called out at first base at the end of a double play despite a desperate head-first slide.

Replays, however, indicated the call by umpire Jerry Meals was wrong.

"It was not a bang-bang play. He was safe. He was clearly safe," Yankees manager Joe Girardi said. "You hate to lose a game that way."

### Twins 3, Indians 0

In Minneapolis, Cole DeVries pitched six scoreless innings to win his third straight start to lead Minnesota.

Joe Mauer had an RBI single and Josh Willingham added a sacrifice fly in a two-run third inning for the Twins, who had lost four of its past five games.

### Rangers 4, Rays 2, 10 innings

In St. Petersburg, Rookie Jurickson Profar hit a tiebreaking RBI double in the 10th inning to lift Texas past Tampa Bay.

Geovany Soto had a two-out double to deep center off Kyle Farnsworth (1-4). Profar then made it 3-2 when he drove in pinch-runner Leonys Martin on his hit past a diving Carlos Pena down the first-base line.

### White Sox 5, Royals 4

In Chicago, Dayan Viciedo, Tyler Flowers and Paul Konerko each homered to back Chris Sale's six solid innings and lead the Chicago White Sox past Kansas City.

Sale (16-6) scattered five hits and struck out six over six in-

nings. He allowed six baserunners in the first three innings before settling down to retire the last 10 batters he faced.

### Angels 6, Tigers 1

In Anaheim, C.J. Wilson won his third straight start, Mike Trout hit a leadoff homer in the first inning and Los Angeles roughed up Detroit's Justin Verlander.

Trout ended the game by robbing Prince Fielder of a home run to center field on a 3-2 pitch from Garrett Richards.

### Blue Jays 9, Red Sox 2

In Boston, Anthony Gose hit his first major league homer and drove in five runs, and the Toronto moved out of the AL East's basement by beating free-falling Boston in a game twice delayed by rain totaling 2 hours, 3 minutes.

Yunel Escobar added a solo homer to spark a five-run second inning for Toronto, which has won five straight in Fenway Park — its longest streak since winning all six meetings in 1989.

### Athletics 6, Mariners 1

In Seattle, George Kottaras homered for the second straight game, Brett Anderson won his fourth straight start since recovering from Tommy John surgery and Oakland beat Seattle.

Anderson (4-0), who had surgery on his left elbow 14 months ago, allowed one unearned run and six hits while striking out four in six innings.

He lowered his ERA to 0.69.

### Dodgers 3, Giants 2

In San Francisco, Hanley Ramirez hit a go-ahead RBI double in the top of the ninth inning as Los Angeles trimmed a game off their division deficit with a 3-2 win over National League West-leading San Francisco.

Adrian Gonzalez led off the ninth with a triple against Jeremy Affeldt (1-2), then Ramirez came through with a double to the gap in right-center.

### Nationals 7, Marlins 6, 10 innings

In Washington, pinch-hitter Corey Brown singled to drive in Ian Desmond with Washington's winning run in the bottom of the 10th.

After Adam LaRoche singled off Chad Guadn (3-2) to open the inning, Desmond singled him to third and Danny Espinoza was intentionally walked to load the bases. After a forceout at home, Brown blooped a single to right.

### Braves 11, Mets 3

In New York, Kris Medlen extended Atlanta's scoreless streak to 31 innings — its best string in more than 20 years — and slumping Brian McCann drove in four runs with four hits.

A tornado touched down in Queens about 15 miles away several hours before the game. Dark, ominous clouds swept in later, causing a 75-minute rain

week on the TPC Boston, where he put together four straight rounds in the 60s, and Saturday only affirmed it.

He finished the front nine with four straight birdies, caught Singh with a 10-foot birdie on the 13th, and then overcame a bogey on the 14th with three birdies in his last four holes. The most impressive was on the 17th, where he hit that soft cut with a 6-iron to a tight pin, gave it a little body English and saw it settle 6 feet away.

"It's taken me a little while to piece it back together, but I could tell last week that my game was back and I was ready to play at the highest level again," Mickelson said. "I came out Thursday and forced it a little too much the front nine. But after that, I've been able to settle down and play some good golf. I'm looking forward to tomorrow's shootout. It should be fun."

The shootout was made possible by drenching rain this week, allowing the players to lift, clean and place their golf balls in the fairway. Three more inches of rain fell overnight, delaying the third round by an hour to remove water from the bunkers and get the course ready.

Then, the best in the world tore it up.

delay after the sixth inning.

### Cubs 4, Pirates 3

In Pittsburgh, Jeff Samardzija pitched the Cubs' first complete game in his final start of the season.

David DeJesus singled in Wellington Castillo with two outs in the eighth for the go-ahead run after Pittsburgh had tied the game at 3 in the bottom of the seventh.

### Reds 5, Astros 1

In Cincinnati, Bronson Arroyo extended his personal winning streak to five games and Jay Bruce and Brandon Phillips hit solo home runs for Cincinnati.

Phillips and Joey Votto both had two hits to help Arroyo improve to 8-1 over his last nine starts and 9-2 since July 6.

### Brewers 6, Cardinals 3

In St. Louis, Aramis Ramirez had three hits, including his 22nd home run, to lead Milwaukee.

Ricky Weeks added a solo home run and Ryan Braun went 3 for 5 with a run scored for Milwaukee. Carlos Gomez went 2 for 4 and drove in two runs.

### Diamondbacks 8, Padres 5

In San Diego, Jason Kubel hit two of Arizona's four home runs as the Diamondbacks snapped a seven-game losing streak to San Diego.

Aaron Hill and Justin Upton hit solo homers as Arizona finished with 15 hits. Upton had a season-high four hits and Jake Elmore added two RBIs.

## Fantastic Baby! leads Masters, two-way tie in B Fanihi

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SOS Bar & Grill's Fantastic Baby! is back in the driver's seat of the Saipan Electronic Dart Association's Masters division, while there is a bottleneck between Joe's Steakhouse's Oneshot and Bammy's Restaurant & Bar's DJ Fish for the top spot in the B-Fanihi after last week's games in the 2012 Summer/Fall Bud Light Dart League.

Masters Fantastic Baby! pelted Sand's Bar-caboose Juvy Especialst (22-80), 14-3, at home last Wednesday to swipe the division lead by six games.

Although Fantastic Baby! improved its record to 67-35, it benefited greatly from an eyebrow raising 13-4 home upset by Joe's Dart Seekers (61-41) over former frontrunner Es'y Kitchen's Diamond Force (61-41). The Dart Seekers moved from fourth place to a share of second as a result of their stunner.

In other results, Oceanside Bar & Grill's M-Destroyers (45-57)



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Bammy's Restaurant & Bar's DJ Fish, seen in this file photo, forced a 10-5 road victory over the Oceanside Bar & Grill Shooters to move into a tie for first place in SEDA's Bud Light B Fanihi division.

edged SOS's Mixblood Rookies (42-60), 9-8, on the road and the SOS Jokers (53-49) capped a nice 10-7 road upset over VFW Post 3457's Maharot Crew (57-45).

Notables remain a 160-high in by Diamond Force's Rick Elefante and a 128-high out by Oneshot's Scott Guerrero.

Then on Thursday, DJ Fish cruised past Bammy's TaK'Ka Hao (38-52), 11-4, at home to stretch its lead to 10 with its 63-27 record.

Joe's Real Deal and Naked Fish's Team Exotic are knotted up in second place with mirrored cards of 53-37, as the former bumped off Sand's Juvy Refalauns (33-57), 10-5, and the latter snuck past the Dart K'nythes (37-53), 8-7. Also

Es'y's Taya Guaha (33-57), while Es'y's Kitchen Darters (46-44) routed Jonny's Rehab (33-57), 11-4, also at home.

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recording a home win was Bammy's Lilapuching (46-44), which triumphed over VFW's Dutty Gunz (37-53), 10-5.

Notables remain a 152-high in by Kyodai's Ton Tomokane and a 113-high out by his teammate, Allen Cabrera.

In the C division, Hafa Mas went into Sand's and skunked Juvy Aschoascho (24-66), 15-0, to get a little taste of first place with its 63-27 slate.

Hafa Mas profited from a close matchup between C division co-leaders Sand's Lupeyt (62-28) and Bammy's Zyndikato (61-29). Lupeyt won at home, 8-7.

In other results, SOS's fourth-ranked Joker Royal (51-39) routed Island Apparel's OH! MG (41-49), 13-2, in a road match held at Naked Fish; VFW's Warriors (49-41) clipped Oceanside's Shottas (36-54), 8-7, on the road; and Jonny's Sparks (39-51) defeated Oceanside's M-Side Shooters (24-66), 9-6, at home.

Notables include a 150-high in by OH! MG's Carol Chugualaf and a 138-high out by Sparks' Isaac Aguon.

intermission, leaving the team with an 8-point deficit.

The R-Rebels then shut out Mettao in the second half, but they could not find an answer for a pesky Manglona, who almost single-handedly pulled off the comeback.

Manglona traded baskets with the opposing squad throughout the second half in an effort to chip away at the R-Rebels' two-possession lead and although his teammates stiffened up on defense, Manglona failed to get

help on offense to complete the resurgence.

The Shottas forward chimed in another 14-point chunk in the closing period, but the Shottas fell a trey short of forcing overtime. It actually had a chance to gamble on a foul, when trailing, 45-48, in the final 15 seconds, but did not notice the clock in time, and the R-Rebels waited out the final ticks from the top of the key to preserve the lead and the win.

Ogumoro led the R-Rebels' well-balanced attack with 16

points. His four other teammates combined for 26 and two others also broke into the scoreboard. Manglona carried Shottas with his 28. Mettao had 6 and three others were only accounted for only 11 markers.

**R-Rebels 48** – Ogumoro 16, Norita 9, Lisua 6, Litulumar 6, Camacho 5, Zhang 4, Nawaz 2.

**Shottas 45** – Manglona 28, Mettao 6, Taitano 5, Caro 4, Fred 2.

**Scoring by halves:** 30-22, 48-45.

pene, who has been training at the regional facility in Fiji for the past two years. Puluspene won the opening set, 7-5, but Lopez swept the last two, 6-4, 10-5, to beat the PNG bet.

Lizama debuted in the POJC and only missed making it into the semifinals by a hair. He fin-

ished with a 2-2 record in the pool play, just one win short of making the grade in the Final Four. However, he managed to top the consolation draw and finished No. 5 out of 11 players when he defeated Cook Islands' Elijah Amataiti, 6-2, 7-6 (5) and Vanuatu's Julien Pineda, 6-3, 6-4.

After the POJC, Lizama competed in the ITF Oceania Plate 2012 and this time he claimed a semis ticket in the Junior Boys division. Lizama also had a 2-2 record in pool play in the Oceania Plate and made it to the Final Four after winning the three-way tie for the second and last playoff berth.

and Trench Tech's Jomar "Dynamite" Danas will clash with Guam Muay Thai's Jared "The Spartan" Martin, also at 140lbs.

Nine competitors are expected to make their debuts in ROP 13.

Tickets will go on sale, starting this Wednesday and can be purchased at Tha Trapp, Docomo Pacific, Boarderline, or at the Trench Tech Gym, which relocated earlier this year at the 7th floor of the Marianas Business Plaza in Susupe. Tickets cost \$20 for general admission and \$30 for VIP seating.

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Kheder's experienced record clearly shows just how dangerous he can be, however he is coming off a slew of five losses and a no contest since December 2010, while a win for Cepeda would definitely make some noise throughout the region.

Other MMA matchups show a trio of bantamweight matches, which include Trench Tech's Vince "The Clinch" Masga (3-1) against Zalaka's Joe Duenas (3-1); Guam-bantamweight Kyle Toves of the Lights Out Gym versus either Garry Ray or Josh Cruz who are both 670 independents; and Saipan independent Ray "Faluwasch" Teregeyo (0-1) against Lights Out Gym's Derick Padrones at 135lbs.

Notably, Trench Tech featherweight Shane "PikaBoo" Alvarez (7-1) is also listed on the card, but has yet to find an opponent.

In the kick boxing pairings, featherweight and Zeng Zung's Regino Mundo of Tinian will duel either Zalaka-first timer Nick Jones or his teammate Ajay Gonzales at 140lbs; Zalaka's Jordan Manglona will square off against Trench Tech newcomer Wini Roldan Jr., at 130lbs; Guam Muay Thai-first timer Kyle "300" Martin will challenge either Trench Tech's Renz "The Intense" Benghit or Zalaka's Ian Iriate at 140lbs;

Other matchups will have Wusstig's Guahan buddy Joe "Young Blood" Ramirez of Underworld Xtreme colliding with Team Haga's Travis "Flying Man" Eubanks at 170lbs; Marianas Elite's Vince "Vincsanity" Pua (2-1) battling either Trench

losses in both of his fights, however he delivered crowd-pleasing performance on both occasions," Trench Tech's Cuki Alvarez said.

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ing match in the main draw, she managed to stun a favored foe in the consolation group. Lopez pulled off an upset over Papua New Guinea's Lorish Pulus-

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losses in both of his fights, however he delivered crowd-pleasing performance on both occasions," Trench Tech's Cuki Alvarez said.

The Nuique-Ilo bout and 13 other tentative fights are sched-

uled for Sept. 28 at the Royal

Taga Ballroom of the Saipan

World Resort. Ten mixed martial

arts bouts and four K-1 kickbox-

ing exhibitions are initially listed

on the fight card.

The main event warriors, Trench Tech's Martin "Ning-bo-Slice" Cepeda (4-1) and Ground Fu's Ferrid "The Hurricane" Kheder (18-10-1), almost clashed last year, but the fight was pushed back after the former sustained an injury during training. The finale brawl is expected to be even more worthwhile after the wait, granted that both fighters weigh-in somewhere between 175 and 180lbs.

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## GUALO RAI

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ing triple that drew a roar from the crowd.

The shorthanded Gualo Rai kept pace with Looban in the first half and then got the needed break in the third quarter to gain momentum of the match. Gualo Rai outgunned Looban in the third period, 22-13, to turn a slim 38-37 lead to a double-digit advantage, 60-50.

JP Jose, who had a game-high 27 points, drilled 8 in the third-quarter breakaway and three of his teammates contributed at least 4 points apiece to give Gualo Rai enough cushion entering the final canto.

Jose was not done yet, as he began the fourth quarter by scoring 7 of their first 11 markers to keep Gualo Rai in a safe distance. Back-to-back baskets from Danny Dayrit brought Gualo Rai's lead back to twin digits, 77-64, and the winning team ran the clock down to get its second victory.

Three other Gualo Rai starters finished in double figures to back

up Jose. Jun Estolas chipped in 15 and Victor Mallari and Dayrit contributed 13 and 11, respectively. Zack Diaz chipped in 8.

Robert Guiang paced Looban with his 18 points, but was held to two field goals in the third quarter where his team recorded its lowest output. Only Guiang and Bernard Montano scored more than 4 points in the third-period meltdown.

Meanwhile, Blue Haus (2-2) led its rain-suspended game against San Antonio (3-1) last Friday, 46-44.

The match was called off at the 4:36 mark of the third period with San Antonio's Melvin Cadiang getting ready for a pair of free throws. Both teams need the win, as only three playoff berths are left in Pool A and six teams still fighting for the slots to the next round.

**Gualo Rai 84** – Jose 27, Estolas 15, Mallari 13, Dayrit 11, Diaz 8, Morales 7.

**Looban 67** – Guiang 18, Montano 12, Tabamo 9, Dayrit 9, Loste 7, De Leon 5, Quiambao 2.

**Scoring by quarters:** 21-16, 38-37, 60-50, 84-67.

## TRIBUNE SPORTS SCORES

### MLB STANDINGS

#### AMERICAN LEAGUE

##### East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Baltimore	78	61	.561	–
New York	78	61	.561	–
Tampa Bay	76	63	.547	2
Toronto	63	75	.457	14 1/2
Boston	63	77	.450	15 1/2

##### Central Division

Chicago	75	63	.543	–
Detroit	73	65	.529	2
Kansas City	62	77	.446	13 1/2
Cleveland	59	80	.424	16 1/2
Minnesota	57	82	.410	18 1/2

##### West Division

Texas	83	56	.597	–
Oakland	78	60	.565	4 1/2
Los Angeles	76	63	.547	7
Seattle	67	73	.479	16 1/2

#### NATIONAL LEAGUE

##### East Division

Washington	85	53	.6
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advances to  
finals, waits  
for foe

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## R-Rebels take Docomo U25 crown



Players of R-Rebels pose with their championship trophy after beating Shottas in the U25 title series in the 3rd Docomo Pacific Summer Basketball League last Saturday night at the Garapan Basketball Court. Also in the photo is league coordinator James Lee, right.

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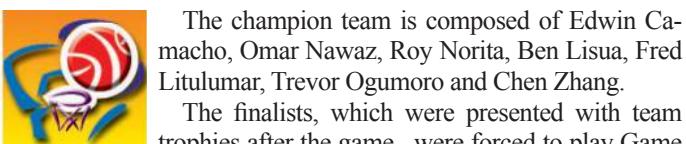
The R-Rebels held off the Shottas' late rally to pull off a title clinching 48-45 victory in the U25 division of the 3rd Docomo Pacific Summer Basketball League last Saturday night at the Garapan Basketball Court.

The champion team is composed of Edwin Camacho, Omar Nawaz, Roy Norita, Ben Lisua, Fred Litulumar, Trevor Ogumoro and Chen Zhang.

The finalists, which were presented with team trophies after the game, were forced to play Game 3 of their short title series after splitting their first two meetings. The first two games were won on lopsided fashions, but the third and last one went down-to-the-wire.

The Shottas started Game 3 with seven straight points before the R-Rebels hit the board in the opening 20-minutes. Though the R-Rebels started a little cold, they remained patient and managed to sew up a 30-

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Trench Tech's Vince "The Clinch" Masga, right photo, will duel Zalaka's Joe Duenas in the bantamweight bout in Trench Tech Purebred Promotions' Rites of Passage 13: Destiny set for Sept 28.

as his bantamweight title is on the line against Zalaka's Jacob "One Blow" Ilo (0-2).

Ilo is replacing Marianas Elite's Maitai "The Charger" Charley (4-8), who was originally in line to face Nuique, but was removed from the fight card for having an outstanding warrant.

"In my opinion, Ilo is a tough proven fighter who well deserves the title opportunity for being one of Zalaka's top fighters in the weight class and for upholding a good standing as a model representative of the sport. He may have endured

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TRENCH TECH Purebred Promotions' Rites of Passage 13: Destiny will be highlighted by not one, but two title bouts, in addition to the anticipated Saipan versus France main event.

Guam's Rob "The Real Deal" Wusstig (4-5) of Countershoot MMA will defend the coveted featherweight belt against Trench Tech's Fasi "Quikdraw" Jesse (9-4). Another Trench Tech bet, Mark "The Dark" Nuique (8-1) looks to bounce back from his first wane in a must-win setting

## Lopez, Lizama get August awards

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10 other players from more than 10 nations that competed in the annual tournament.

Tennis swept the Tan Siu Lin Foundation/NMASA Student Athletes of the Month awards for August as junior players Mikayla Lopez and Luther Lizama were selected winners of the coveted plum.

Both awardees earned NMASA's nods for their impressive showing in the 2012 Pacific Oceania Junior Championships played in Fiji last month. The two junior players were part of the North Pacific



Lizama

Team and competed in the girls U15 and boys U12 singles and doubles events.

Lopez went on to clinch both the singles and doubles crowns in POJC to finish in the Pacific ranked No. 1 in her age group. She prevailed against

Lopez

the 2012 Oceania Closed Junior Championships—a Junior ITF ranking tournament.

Lopez joined Rastguy and Thea Minor in the B2 event of the Junior ITF Circuit and although the former lost her open-

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## Gualo Rai remains in playoff contention

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Gualo Rai kept its playoff hopes alive after beating Looban, 84-67, in the first game in the 2012 DLX/Gualo Rai Invitational Basketball League last Saturday night at the Gualo Rai Basketball Court.

With the win, Gualo Rai now has a 2-3 record for a share of third place with QQ Rent A Car. Only the Top 4 teams will advance to the playoffs and Angie's Boys had already taken the first spot with its field-best 5-1 record, while four teams are in a logjam for second place, including Looban (3-2). Also in the tiebreak are LD Prime, Freestyle, and Church 360. San Roque (1-3) and Yuchiro (2-5) complete Pool B and are likely the first two teams to get the axe.

Gualo Rai took the important win despite having only five players in the majority of the game. Rico Morales was Gualo Rai's sixth man and played only in the last one minute of the match with the win already in the bag. He went on to put icing on the cake, scoring 7 straight points, including a buzzer-beat-

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ROSELYN B. MONROYO  
Gualo Rai's Rico Morales pulls up for a buzzer-beating triple during their game against Looban in the DLX caging last Saturday at the Gualo Rai Basketball Court.